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De Klerk appeases rightwingers

Whites to have veto on death of apartheid

By Gavin Bell in cape town and Our Foreign Staff

side demanding uncondition-

al non-racial elections. "They

do not know democracy

means all should have an

equal vote," Walter Sisulu,

the ANC deputy president told the crowd calling itself a

people's parliament". The

ANC wants a multiracial in-

months, a ballot for a constit-

uent assembly by the end of

the year and the first univer-

year. Scores of heavily armed

representing non-industrial

guards is the government's

view that political affiliation

by a union would run counter

ments of any persuasion."

MPs accused the government

of a vendetta. Robert Cryer,

the member for Bradford South, said: "It is a patent

pretext for the Conservative

government to deny the right

of trade unions to represent

their members ... If ever there was a case of corrupt

double standards by this gov-

The unions have appealed

to Michael Howard, the em-

ployment secretary, asking

him to intervene.
The MoD said last night

that the guards were not

being asked to give up indi-

vidual union membership.

But the ministry would not

Defence cuts, page 2

bargain collectively.

ernment; this is it."

MoD bars unions

linked to Labour

WHITE South Africans are to have a veto on constitutional changes designed to replace apart-heid with a non-racial democracy. President de Klerk told the Cape Town parliament yesterday.

Blacks would be able to vote in a referendum on the changes, and take part in a transitional government, Mr de Klerk said. But he sought to calm the white minority's fears by insisting that it must approve any permanent plan for power sharing.

The president's speech. opening what may be the parliament's last session under apartheid, was dismissed by Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress leader, as complacent and insensitive. "It is ridiculous to embark on negotiations and then go and consult a particular ethnic group whose re-sponse might be negative," he said. "It suggests that if the whites say 'no' then de Klerk would be bound to withdraw

Mr de Klerk told parlia-

the Labour party are be

barred from representing

Ministry of Defence guards.

The bar, which emerged yes-

terday, provoked accusations

from unions and the Opposi-

tion that the guards civil rights were being invaded.

Critics of the government were quick to see in the deci-

sion shades of the ban on

union membership at the

GCHO intelligence centre,

the eighth anniversary of

which is being marked with a

Gerald Kaufman, the shad-

ow foreign secretary, said:
"What they are doing is
penalising people because
they are exercising their free-

dom to support a political party which is not the Tory

party. This is an extraordi-

nary invasion of civil rights."

and General Workers' Union national officer, said: "We

consider this to be a stur on the integrity of our members.

who have given many loyal years of service to the MoD

NUCPS, the civil service

umon, which represents a

small number of guards but is

not affiliated to the Labour

party, will be allowed to con-tinue negotiating pay and

The ban emerged during talks between the defence

ministry and the two unions,

which between them repre-

The TGWU and the Gener-

al Municipal and Boilermak-

ers have been negotiating with the ministry about the

creation of a new guard ser-

vice, which they agree is nec-

essary. But they reacted with

shock when told in a ministry

letter: "The reason why we

would not be able to recognise

sent 2,400 security guards.

and the country."

Danny Bryan, Transport

rally in Cheltenham today.

ment that all South Africans police with armoured cars' would be entitled to vote in and water cannon ringed the the referendum on giving polparliament building as the itical rights to the country's 30 million blacks, but votes demonstrators chanted don't want de Klerk", but would be counted on racial there were no incidents. lines. "Only if the result is Mr de Klerk's address was

positive will implementation low-key compared with the follow," he said. Ministers two previous openings at admitted that if the five milwhich he unbanned the ANC lion whites rejected the proand announced the scrapping of apartheid laws. There had been speculation that he might spell out temporary posals, they could stop the reform process in its tracks. "If whites don't approve and all the others do, we're in measures to bring blacks into trouble." Pik Botha, the for-eign minister, said. "It's back to the drawing board." the government while a new constitution was negotiated, but he referred only briefly to a transitional government in-As Mr de Klerk was addressing parliament, up to 20,000 blacks marched outcluding black parties, and of-

fered no details or timetable. "Since the most important parties (ANC and Inkatha) will be part of a transitional government, their leaders will be in an excellent position themselves to determine the

rate of change," he said.

Mr de Klerk told MPs that he was determined to push ahead with reforms, and he is terim government within six known to see 1994 - when he has to call an election - as his deadline for negotiating a new constitution. Much of his speech was concerned with reassuring whites that they would not be dominated by blacks under a new constitution. "Broad consensus will not be achieved unless there are credible guarantees against domination," he said. "Proposals of cosmetic guarantees for minorities are total-

TRADE unions affiliated to the TGWU and GMB as Whites, fearful of black government and of growing political violence and crime, have been flocking to the opposition right-wing Conser-vative party, which has en-joyed dramatic successes in to the need for the political neutrality of the civil service, which has to serve governrecent by-elections. Some analysts believe the Conservatives could win a whites-only At Westminster, Labour

> Right-wing whites are boycotting the constitutional ne-gotiations, and Mr de Klerk yesterday sought to bring them into the talks by sug-gesting that the principle of self-determination could be discussed. While it was not feasible to have separate sovereign states within South Africa, there were other ways of ensuring autonomy in language, culture, education and community rights, he said. His olive branch was rejected by the Conservatives, whose leader Andries Treurnicht said it was "miles away from the basic meaning of self-

Judge backs Equity, page 6 Leading article, page 13

determination".

Cup ties frozen out

CLOUD, drīzzle and slightly higher temperatures are ex-pected to replace freezing fog and frost in most places before the end of the weekend, forecasters said yesterday. But very cold and clear weather could linger in some

areas until early next week. The warmer weather will come too late to save the FA Cup game between Bristol Rovers and Liverpool, one of nine games called off. Also cancelled are the games at Notts County, Oxford, Crystal Palace and Crewe. In rugby, Gloucester's fourth-round match in the Pilkington Cup against London Scottish has

also been frozen off. British Waterways gave a warning yesterday that ice on canals was a potential killer. Jim Kelly, its customer services manager, said: "Even if ice seems thick at the canal edge it will have weak and thin patches elsewhere."

Forecast, page 22 Sport off, page 44



£1,800 for dresses worn by Glenda Jackson as Elizabeth R. Diary, page 12

INSIDE **New levies** by Halifax

The Halifax has become the first building society to levy charges on savings accounts, a move that is likely to be followed by other societies.

Customers will be charged if they make two counter withdrawals each month from accounts which contain less than £250 and for letting their accounts fall below £50 for long periods...... Page 23

Homes sales

A fresh round of council housing sell-offs is being prepared by the government, and home owners who are living in leasehold property are to be given the automatic right to extend their leases ..

RN jobs go More than 2,600 job losses among civilian staff at Roy-al Navy depots and RAF bases were confirmed by the government yesterday.

The latest round of defence cuts drew condemnation from unions..... Page 2

Police trial

Three police officers who helped to bring the case against the Guildford Four will have to face trial, accused of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice, the High Court ruled

Tories keep a step ahead in the polls

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

1.057 respondents. The Con-

servatives were pleased at the

evidence of headway in their

concerted efforts to highlight

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THE Conservatives are main. taining a narrow lead over Labour after two weeks of intensive pre-election campaigning, according to two opinion polls published last

A Gallup poll for The Daily Telegraph gave the Tories a two-point advantage and a Harris poll for the Daily Express a one-point lead. They showed that neither side has vet to make a decisive move in a campaign that politicians accept will run right up to the election on April 9 or May 7.

The Gallup outcome represented an improvement for Labour on its poll last Friday which gave the Conservatives a lead of 4.5 points. The latest, which put the Conservarives on 40 per cent, Labour on 38 per cent and the Liberal Democrats on 16.5 per cent, involved interviews with 2,974 respondents in the week up to Tuesday.

Labour strategists were relieved last night, because they had feared that the dispute over the party's taxation plans, particularly the doubts over phasing in of higher national insurance changes, might have given them a big-

ger jolt.
The Harris poll, which put the Conservatives on 41 per cent, Labour on 40 and the Liberal Democrats on 14. was taken between Tuesday and Thursday and involved

Spaceman stranded by Soviet collapse

A lone spaceman is hoping that his rocket home arrives before his country runs out of cash. Nick Nuttall reports

THE upheavals of the for-mer Soviet Union have left many of its citizens in limbo. but none more so than Sergei Krikalev. a cosmonaut left stranded in space clutching his now-illegal

Communist party card. Mr Krikalev, who left when the Soviet Union still existed, has been stuck in the Mir space station 200 miles above Earth since October, when his flight should have ended. The rocket home was cancelled to save money.

Now he is scanning the heavens anxiously for a supply rocket called Progress, which should be arriving soon to deliver his breakfast, lunch and dinner for the

next few months. The arrival of the rocket would normally give him little cause for concern. The former Soviet Union launched hundreds of them, and their reliability is not in doubt. But in the wake of the political upheavals, he will not be sure that the rocket, scheduled to lift off from Baikonur yesterday, is actually coming until he sees it slip over the

Under new plans to get him home, Mr Krikalev, who flew to Mir with the British cosmonaut Helen Sharman in May, will return in March after spending five months longer in orbit than anyone had planned. Phil Clark, of the Molniya space consultancy in London, said yesterday: "I suppose it gives him more time to think about the sort of place he is returning to."

Whether other cosmonauts will be stranded for economic reasons will depend on how a new agreement between the republics fares. Nine republics signed a treaty on December 30 agreeing to allocate "sufficient resources 10 ensure no diminution of the programme". But it was not igned by Ukraine, which is home to several key parts of the former Soviet Union's programme, including the Continued on page 22, col 3

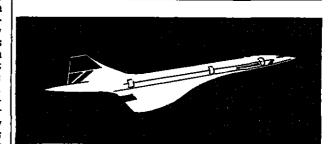
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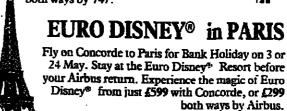
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IN TOKYO

A JAPANESE carmibal, who realised a grotesque sexual fantasy when he killed and ate his Dutch girlfriend in Paris 11 years ago, has become a and, having given her a brew celebrity in Japan. He is at of tea and whisky ("to deaden liberty in Yokohama. A film the pain"), he shot her and cut about his life has just been up her body with an electric released, yet fascination not carving knife. He then ate her about his life has just been horror has been the reaction.

Amid a complete absence of moral concern. Issel Sagawa ing off between meals to go to has become the subject of a film with his friends and prize winning plays, and best-selling books have been writ-Finally, seen disposing of a ten about his experience. He bloodstained suitcase, he tells visitors how Japan's rushed home to finish off the most respected dramatists are fascinated by the artistry refrigerator, then gave himothis tale, and likes to specuse late whether his deed was one insane, he spent three years pitality, displaying an omi-

His "affair", as he calls it. happened when he was 31. studying literature at the Sorbonne. One evening he invited his girlfriend to his flat flesh, some raw, some fried, over the next few days, break-

Japan on condition that he male visitor. A desperately should be confined to a mental hospital.

He was admitted to a Tokyo psychiatric hospital, but 15 months later his father, a company president, arranged for his release. The doctors lischarged him, saying that e seemed normal.

Taking two sturdy friends to talk about his "affair", but discharged him, saying that he seemed normal.

with me and carefully arranging an appointment soon after his breakfast time, I met Mr Sagawa in the flat where he lives under the assumed name of Shin Nakamoto. "Sagawa-kun", as he is relast fragments saved in the ferred to in the press, wel-

self-conscious man (he is very short and has notably undersized hands and feet), he immediately caused considerable alarm by handing round cups of his special tea and whisky

it was difficult to keep him off the subject. "I still adore the sight and the shape of young Western women, particularly beautiful ones," he said, his wolfish eyes staring out from behind dark glasses. "I was a premature and unhealthy baby, I am ugly and small, but I indulge in fautasies about Continued on page 22, col 8



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Extended rights for leaseholders will form part of central feature of Conservative manifesto

Tories urge more council house sales

housing sell-offs is being prepared by the government and home owners living in leasehold property are to be given the automatic right to extend their leases, in moves designed to push forward

In spite of the housing slump, the government be-lieves that about 500,000 people living in council houses can afford to buy their homes and might be encouraged to do so. It will also promise soon that, if reelected, it will legislate later this year to allow people to buy new 99-year leases at

property's lease has come down to a given threshold. probably 50 years.

The move would almost certainly mean an increase in the value of properties. At present, building societies insist that leases should be at least 25 years longer than the length of the mortgage

The plan, to be unveiled next month by Michael secretary, will feature in the Tory election manifesto alongside proposals to allow flat-dwellers the right to buy

them in London, had be-

come a second-class market.

Mr Armstrong said. It was

harder to get a mortgage and a sale on a leasehold flat

than on a freehold one. The

problem had worsened in

the past decade as many 99-

year leases granted after the

The boost would be grad-

ual. "It will take a year or

two, because of the time

legislation will take," Mr

Robin Paterson, manag-

ing director of a London

estate agency, issued a

ing the effects. "There is a

cost to extending the lease. You have to pay for the new one, and with borrowers

being stretched on their ex-

isting mortgages, I think it's unlikely they will want to

war were running out.

Armstrong said.

Agents forecast spurt in market

BY RACHEL KELLY

ESTATE agents and building societies said yesterday that government proposals to give homeowners with leases of 50 years or less an automatic right to buy new 99-year leases would boost the moribund leasehold property market. Ron Armstrong, head of

legal services at the Council of Mortage Lenders, said: The leasehold market had become more depressed than the market for freehold houses in recent years. The limitations of leasehold flats had become more exposed in the 1980s and this had not been helped by the increasing abuses of a section of landlords in charge of leasehold flats."

The leasehold property market, which affects 1.5 million properties in Eng-land and Wales, over half of they are offering, making properties with leases of under 50 years more difficult to sell.

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The leasehold extension plan has been drawn up by Sir George Young, the housing minister, to help those who are ineligible to buy their freeholds because they live in blocks where commercial and residential property is mixed. Extending the lease would be seen as a relatively inexpensive way of increasing security and would be particularly wel-come in London, where more than 250,000 people

The freehold plan is also to be developed to enable those living in more expensive homes to buy their freehold. At present there is a limit on properties with a rateable value of £1,500. That will be lifted, helping leaseholders in central London and some of the better-off suburbs.

would benefit.

Housing is likely to be one of the central planks of the Conservative manifesto. Sir George is examining ways of giving fresh encouragement to the sale of council houses. Some 1.3 million have been sold and ministers believe that there is considerable scope within the four million that remain for further sales. The sale of council homes is regarded by the government as one of the big successes of

The 500,000 figure of those who are believed to be able to buy is said by government sources to be a conservative estimate. The biggest boost is expected to come from plans to give council tenants the opportunity to convert their rents into mortgage payments. The govern-ment has introduced pilot schemes in Basildon and Milton Keynes, and legislation to extend them is being considered for inclusion in



Urban focus: Mr Heseltine launching his charter in Birmingham yesterday

Estate shows the way forward

BRITAIN'S first municipal housing estate to be run by a board of its tenants was chosen by Michael Héseltine, the environment secretary, as the most appropriate place to launch the government's new tenant's

charter yesterday.

Mr Heseltine was visiting the Bloomsbury estate in Birmingham, and said that the charter was evidence of the commitment to drive up stan-dards for council tenants. pre-election stunt.

The post-war estate in inner city east Birmingham has been run by an estate management board since Anguet 1990. It has 1,200 homes in medium and birming the state of the stat dium and high rise blocks of flats, which are being improved through govern-ment schemes. More than £2 million already com-mitted will be followed by a further £10 million over the next five years.

The board has responsibility for allocations, rent collection, maintenance and management on an annual budget of £1.3 million. Six more boards have been set up else-

where in England.

Mr Heseltine said the charter showed what tenants had a right to expect. While many local authorities had improved their management perfor-mance, "still too much council housing is badly maintained and poorly serviced by bureaucrats who are temote, inefficient and out of touch with tenants' needs". On his visit Mr Heselnew urban development corporation, the eleventh in England, would be cre-ated in Birmingham.

Major may delay white paper on BR sell-off

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The prime minister is pre-pared to delay publication of a white paper on the privati-sarion of British Rail until after the election to ensure that the correct formula for a break-up is achieved (Nicho-

las Wood writes).

The disclosure by senior Downing Street sources that John Major will not be stampeded into a decision by past promises to produce the white paper before polling day came after press reports sug-gesting that Malcolm Rif-kind, the transport secretary, was winning the cabinet bat-tle over the sell-off.

It will be seen by Tory MPs as a rebuke to Mr Rifkind for over-playing his hand and a warning to him that Mr Major will not be bullied into accepting his preference for selling InterCity intact.

Three designs on shortlist

Three British architects have been shortlisted for new £50 million Inland Revenue offices in Nottingham.

The assessors choices are Michael Hopkins and Pariners, architects of the new stand at Lord's cricket ground; Richard Rogers Parmership, designers of the Lloyds building in the City; and Evans & Sharley, architects of the several aginting. tects of the award winning Law Courts at Truro.

Harry Secombe in hospital

Sir Harry Secombe was taken to hospital for tests yesterday after falling ill during the filming of his weekly Sunday television programme High-way. While there, he met the prime minister who was on an official visit.

Anglia Television said Sir Harry, aged 70, felt unwell as he conducted an interview at the Cromwell Museum in

Blandford split

The Marquess of Blandford and his wife are to separate after less than two years of marriage. Lord Blandford, 36 year old hear to the Duke of Mariborough's Blenheim estate, issued a statement through solicitors pledging to give every possible support to the marchioness, who is expecting their first child in August He blamed press reports for adding to the strain on the partnership.

Professor Norma Rinsler, Vice Principal of King's College, London, asks us to point out that a photograph in The Times of December 12 of a student protest did not in fact show students from King's Collège, but a group who had procession of students from King's.

CORRECTION

Defence cuts to claim 2,600 jobs

MORE than 2,600 job losses among civilian staff at Royal Navy depots and RAF bases were announced yesterday. The latest defence cuts were strongly criticised by union leaders. Most of the redundancy

notices have been served on civilians working at naval stores and armaments depots in southern England, Wales and Scotland.

Tom King, the defence secretary, accepted that the cuts. which will save £300 million over ten years, would be a blow in some areas, especially west Wales where the Royal Navy arms depot at Trecwn, near Fishguard, is closing with the loss of 415 jobs . The defence ministry said it was hoped that some of the redundant workers could be trans-

ferred to other areas. Mr King said the ministry would help the Welsh Office to set up a task force to encourage new industries and bring new employment to the area

David Hunt, the Welsh Secretary, announced a £2.2

million package of short-term aid for rural west Wales. He also ordered an interim report from his task force within. six weeks to discuss measures to soften the unemployment impact.

There was better news, however, for the Cardiff area. The RAF maintenance base at St Athan is to take on the servicing of VC 10s from RAF Brize Norton, and some of the maintenance of Jaquars and Hawks from RAF Abingdon. With a £40 million injection and an extra 700 jobs, that

will make St Athan a single "centre of excellence" for mechanical repair and overhaul. The other navy cuts an-

nounced yesterday involve the loss of 800 jobs at Rosyth dockyard, 100 less than predicted last year, 550 at a stores depot at Copenacre, in Wiltshire, 380 at an armaments depot at Ernesettle, in Plymouth, 200 at the naval air station, HMS Daedalus, at Lee-on-Solent, 66 at the Gunwharf site at HMS Nelson in Portsmouth, and 20 at an oil fuel depot at Invergordon, north-east

The RAF bases affected are at Kemble in Gloucestershire, where 74 civilian workers will lose their jobs, at Abingdon, where there will be 98 job losses, and at Brawdy, which is near the Trecwn naval depot, involving 80 redundancies. All fighter pilot training is to cease at Brawdy this

John Billard, national officer of the Institution of Professionals, Managers and Specialists, said the plans to cut naval support services would create "major safety hazards". He also attacked the way the job losses were announced, in a written Commons answer by Mr

Labour offers to back bill closing poll tax loophole

By Douglas Broom, local government correspondent

GOVERNMENT action to close a legal loophole that has halted court action against 10,000 poli tax defaulters was being delayed last night because of fears that seven million liability orders might be invalidated.

Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, postponed an announcement on legislation to overcome court rulings that councils could not use computer poll tax records as evidence in court. Although government lawyers are still wrestling with the problem, an offer from the Labour party to co-operate in shepherding a bill through parliament before the election offered ministers their first real hope of a swift solution.

Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, said that Labour would be prepared to support a bill with retrospective powers to safeguard poll tax liability orders already granted by the courts. ☐ The government yesterday reaffirmed its determination to impose strict controls on spending by councils in England. Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, confirmed that councils would be allowed to spend £41.8 billion in the financial year starting in April, £33.1 billion of which will come from government grants and business

The average poll tax bill for next year would be kept down to £257 a head by strict capping rules that would penalise councils which tried to spend more than 12.5 per cent above their cash limits.

☐ The unemployed and students would probably still

have to pay 20 per cent of the poll tax during the first year of a Labour government. Mr. Gould said yesterday (Nicholas Wood writes).

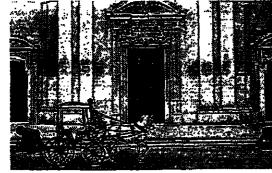
A pledge to scrap the rule might encourage more people to ignore the last round of poll tax bills in April, and Labour would do nothing to worsen "perhaps the biggest debt collection exercise in the history of the world", Mr Gould said.

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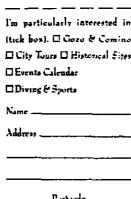
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THE race to succeed Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, got under

way in earnest yesterday as a timetable for his resignation began to emerge.

Although Mr Haughey has still to confirm publicly

his intention to stand down after leading Fianna Fáil for 11 years, senior cabinet sources were quoted as saying that he will formally resign on February 5. The sources said that Mr

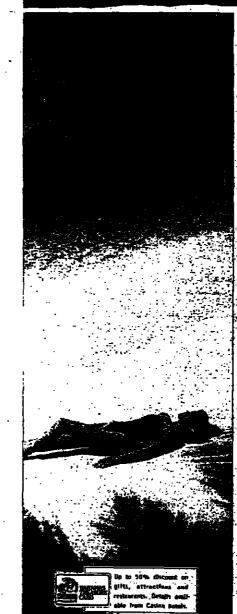
Haughey, whose coalition partners have made clear that they will pull out of the government unless he goes soon after budget day next Wednesday, will deliver an address to his party the following day. Then on February 5, at another meeting of the party, he is expected to announce his resignation. A successor will be chosen two

days later. The Progressive Democrats said on Thursday that

unless Mr Haughey step-ped down after allegations of involvement in an illegal telephone tapping scandal in 1982, they would leave the government. The party kept up the pressure yesterday, underlining it had no intention of backing down.

While Mr Haughey appeared finally to have accepted his fate, it was being suggested that he remained determined to play a key role in influencing the outcome of the succession race. His main objective was thought to be to thwart the ambitions of his arch-ival Albert Reynolds, the former finance minister, who is regarded as the favourite.

Mr Reynolds was dismissed in November after supporting a move to oust Mr Haughey. Mr Haughey is thought to have thrown his weight behind Bertie Ahern, aged 40. Mr Reynolds's successor.



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Tidbury 'as

armed men'

stalked home

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

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firearms with them.

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dow when he heard what

sounded like the back door

handle being tried and heard

footsteps on the gravel. One

man appeared and was fol-

lowed by a second. He raised

Sergeant Marcus Lancas

ter said he watched the men

through night vision equip-

ment. One of the intruders was by the garage looking at

the cars and would some-

times kneel down as if he was

looking under them. Both

men were carrying rifles and

wearing military fatigues and

Sergeant Lancaster gave the order for his men to cock their weapons. One man was

to stand by the front door and

challenge the intruders, but

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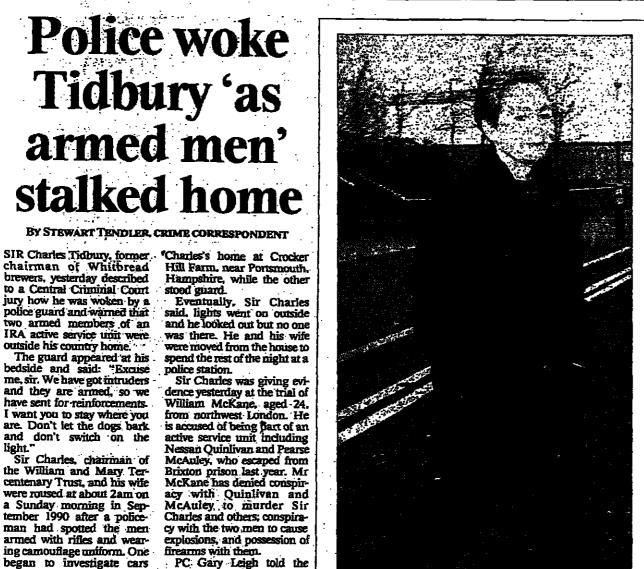
ily home. A judge at Newcastle upon Tyne crown court said that he could see no point in jailing the child after she admitted manslaughter due to provocation and diminished responsibility. The court accepted her plea of not guilty to murder after being told that the family suffered greatly at the man's hands.

mother and wrecked the fam-

On the night that he died he had smashed furniture and ornaments and was beating up his wife when the girl came to her aid. Roger Thorn, QC, for the prosecution, said that she stabbed her stepfather nine times with a kitchen knife.

The mother told police: 'Out of the corner of my eye I saw her jump up and the next thing I knew, my husband was falling to the floor." David Robson, QC. for the girl, said that she was mentally ill at the time of the attack because of severe emotional stress caused by the step-father's behaviour.

Mr Justice Turner imposed a three-year supervision order on condition that the girl received treatment, saying that he had "no doubt whatsoever that the wider public interest and the narrower interest of the girl herself would be served by the order.



Penelope Clasper leaving the court yesterday

Drink-drive woman's jail sentence quashed

Road magistrates, a £200

A JUDGE who quashed a five-day jail sentence imposed at Christmas on a wealthy housewife for drinkdriving was yesterday ac-cused, of losing an opportunity to warn "the privileged class" that it is not

Judge Butler had allowed the appeal of Penelope Clasper, aged 42, against the sentence imposed the day after Boxing Day after her counsel said that she had been singled out as an example during the pre-Christmas drink-driving campaign.
John Knight, a founder of

the Campaign Against Drinking and Driving, said outside the court that the judge had failed in his duty to protect the public. "He could have sent shockwaves throughout that small minority of the privileged class in society who continue to drink and drive and daily threaten the lives of all who use our roads," Mr Knight

"By not upholding the sentence he bears a heavy responsibility for future victims who will now be killed or injured by drunk drivers who will think they can escape justice."

Mrs Clasper, a mother of two and part-time charity worker who lives in a £300,000 flat in Kensington, west London, left without comment. The judge upheld the rest of her sentence imposed by Horseferry

fine and a 15-month ban. Marks Moore, her barrister. told the judge at Southwark crown court that it was the view of "certain courts and areas that examples should be made at the Christmas period and people should be sent to prison with regard to drink-driving. It is as plain as a pikestaff that if a person is going to drink-drive the sentence should be exactly the same all the year.' The court was told that on

December 11 Mrs Clasper had four glasses of wine at a bridge party before being stopped by police just before midnight for cutting in front of another car. She was almost twice the legal limit.

Mr Moore said that Mrs Clasper had been driving for 26 years and her only previous conviction was for speeding. He said that at the



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stepfather is freed weekly bridge party she had A SCHOOLGIRL who killed been drinking wine with her drunken stepfather to cheese, "Regrettably, she felt protect her mother walked she had not drunk sufficient free from court yesterday. The girl, aged 15, stabbed him in wine where she would be over the limit," he said. "It is the heart as he attacked the

what it should be." After the conviction, Mrs Clasper spent three hours in the court cells before being freed on bail pending appeal. The magistrate who jailed her, Pamela Long, said at the time: "There has been a nationwide drinkdrive campaign and it seems incredible a lady of obvious intelligence like this should be unaware of it."

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In quashing her imprisonment yesterday, Judge Butler said that he took into account that there were no aggravating features, such as dangerous driving. "It's hard to see how an offence committed in June was less serious than the same of fence committed in December," he said.

"Sentences passed for an offence on this kind often cause considerable public interest and comment, and feelings as to what should be done sharply differ. Some urge that even first time offenders should always receive an immediate custodial sentence. Others consider prison is rarely, if ever, appropriate."

He said that making examples of drink-drivers was dangerous if generalised and that each case should be treated in isolation.

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The guard appeared at his

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BY EDWARD GORMAN IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A FORMER member of the IRA's headquarters staff who masterminded weapons shipments from Libya in the mid-Eighties was arrested at Dublin airport yesterday after being expelled from

Gabriel Cleary, aged 47, from Priorstown, Co Dublin, was arrested as he left a plane from Paris and was held under the Irish Republic's anti-terrorist legislation.

Cleary, who was described in a French court last year as an IRA soldier, can be held for up to 48 hours without charge. Irish security sources indicated that he is likely to face new charges in the

Cleary, whom police believe acted as the link between the IRA and Colonel Gadaffi, was a member of the crew of the Panamanian registered coaster Eksund, which was seized by French customs off the Britanny coast in October 1987 on its way from Libya to Ireland. On board were 150 tonnes of weapons and ammunition. A French court jailed Cleary for five years.

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Scot loses claim of race abuse

A SCOTSMAN who daimed that his temper snapped after he was subjected to racial abuse at work lost his claim for unfair dismissal yesterday. An industrial tribunal in Leeds dismissed the case, rulmg that the man was not from a different country.

then went over a fence. The guard had disappeared. Doug McGregor, aged 37 of Leeds, claimed that he suffered months of racial abuse PC Paul Kilgallon, driving and that his life was made a towards the farm, saw a car come towards him and took its registration number. He broadcast it on his radio but described the car as a Renault Feugo when it was a Ford Sierra. The car, with three men inside, passed two police vehicles. After realising it was the car reported earlier, they eventually gave chase. The car was seen again two days later by Martin Smith, and Board, which dismissed an off-duty policeman, who Mr McGregor for misconduct, saying that the decision drove to a service station to

report the sighting. He said that the driver, identified as had nothing to do with his nationality. McAuley, followed him into the service area but that the car drove off before reinforce. ments arrived. The trial continues on

misery by a colleague who continually branded him a "lazy Scotch bastard". He lost his temper when the Englishman forced him off the road in his car and taunted him. Mr McGregor seized a hammer from under his seat and chased the man. The worker reported the incident to management at Proctor Paper

Raymond Worrall, tribunal chairman, said: "The applicant is not of a separate nationality and we do not have the jurisdiction to hear the

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BBC documentary to be shown on February 6

The Queen and tax is 'small beer'

By JOHN YOUNG

THE Queen is far from being the richest person in Britain, and the argument about her tax exemption is "small beer, an article in this week's issue of The Economist says. Her private income is somewhere between El million and E5 million a year and, if she paid income tax, the yield to the Treasury would be about £2 million at

rich monarch, with an annuture is misleading, it says.

Most guesses ignore the

most: Newspaper stories esti-mating her "wealth" at "around £7 billion" conjure up the picture of a fabulously al income to match. That pic-

line between public and pri-vate assets. Many of the Queen's apparent assets do not belong to her. Bucking-ham Palace and Windsor Castle, for example, are legally inalienable; that is to say they belong to the monarchy, and not to the incumbent. The same goes for the Crown Jewels, most of which

the Oneen has not worn since her coronation. Other goods, such as jewels and paintings presented by foreign heads of state, are treated as inalienable by custom and will be left to her SUCCESSOF. Her true private wealth consists mainly of her private

financial investments, her racing stables, and her two country houses at Balmoral and Sandringham. "The most controversial element is the Queen's investment portfolio," the article says. But since 1971, "she has spent the dividends and dug deep into the capital, mainly to help other members of her mmediate family"







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vice minister, said that a private member's bill, which would open to view 92 miles of files in the public records office, was unnecessary and vague. However, he extolled the virtues of open government and pledged that minis-ters would not rest on their laurels on the issue. "We shall continue to work for greater openness and, as and when we can make further advances, we shall do so."

The bill was introduced by Archy Kirkwood, a Liberal Democrat MP, who claimed past support for the idea from several Tory ministers, including Kenneth Baker, Norman Lamont and Sir Patrick Mayhew.

Citing the citizen's charter, which has opened up information on waiting list times in the health service, Mr Renton said that the present Tpry administration had done more to create transparency in government that any of its predecessors. However, the bill would impair candour and self criticism in government although it might pro-vide "temporary relief for the inflamed political imaginations of those inclined to see evil behind all government

confidentiality" Robin Corbett, the Labour home affairs spokesman, said that Labour would introduce a Freedom of Information Act along the lines of Mr Kirkwood's bill, which ran out of time yesterday.

☐ The government cleared the way for a wider range of road management schemes to slow traffic in an effort to reduce the number of pedes-. trian deaths.

Ministers supported a private member's bill in the Commons by Keith Mans, Tory MP for Wyre, giving legal backing to devices narrowing roads or exerting psychological pressure on drivers to reduce speeds.

The bill was given an unopsed second reading and has a strong chance of becoming law.

Beacons inflame Euro passion

AS IF we won't all have enough to do next New Year's eve to prepare for a unified Europe, what with sterilising the unpasteurised Camembert, hiding the prawn flavour crisps from EC sniffer dogs and moving our carrots from veg rack to fruit bowl to comply with Mediterra-nean jam-making customs, we may also have to

build great big bonfires up and down the land. The plan is to unite Europe spiritually as we enter 1993 by lighting beacons at midnight in gardens across every country in the Communi-ty, which makes the risks from eating real Camembert seem fairly slim.

This pyromaniacs' new year ball is the brainchild of Bruno Peek, an English organiser of special events who has made a big name for himself in the beacon world. He has fanned strong interest in the project, which has been dubbed, inspiringly. Beacon Europe. The European parliament is behind it. Even Cyprus and Malta, which are not EC members, are keen to go up in flames.

Bonfire parties already enliven many parts of Europe through the year. Britain, of course, has Guy Fawkes night. Spain lights up on March 19. France celebrates Bastille Day on July 14, and Germany has summer sol-

stice bonfires. No doubt revellers will use Beacon Europe's bonfire flames to hold barbecue street parties, each according to the national customs. Spaniards will roast whole bulls, the French will turn garlicked legs of lamb over the flames and the British will sizzle their emulsified high-fat offal tubes, which is what we must call sau-

sages post-1993. The project is Mr Peek's third brush with beacons, after Operation Seafire in 1981 to promote Britain's maritime heritage and, in 1988, the 400th anniversary cons for the Armada.

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Judges rule police in **Guildford Four** case must face trial

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THREE police officers who helped to bring the case against the Guildford Four must face trial accused of conspiracy to pervert the court of justice, the High Court ruled vesterday.

The court quashed a magistrate's decision last year to dismiss the charges against the former Surrey policemen and ordered him to go ahead. with committal proceedings

The three judges, who upheld an appeal by the Crown Prosecution Service, said that Ronald Bartle, the stipendiary magistrate at Bow Street

Classroom

reform to

continue

By John O'Leary

HIGHER EDUCATION

CORRESPONDENT

THE pace of school reform

will not slacken. Kenneth

Clarke, the education secre-

tary, promised yesterday, al-

though he admitted that

teachers found the pro-

Society of Education Officers'

conference in Harrogate.

came less than a day after

Labour had pledged stability

for schools. He said that the

experience of the past five

years proved that it was pos-

sible to introduce fundamen-

"I am unrepentant about

the pace of change of re-

forms," Mr Clarke said. "If

we had let things meander on

as they were, we would in

effect have been condemning

our young people to years,

indeed decades, of sub-stan-

The national curriculum.

he added, would continue to

generate change, and schools

would have to adapt to new

responsibilities for training

teachers. "So-called experts"

were demanding research

and evaluation as an excuse

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for inertia.

Mr Clarke's remarks, at the

gramme unsettling.:

court, London, had been wholly wrong to drop the

Yesterday's reserved judgment will be studied carefully by lawyers acting for four former West Midlands police officers facing charges of perjury and conspiracy to pervert the course of justice over their investigation of the 1974 Birmingham pub bombings. Following a hearing where the four were remanded in November on unconditional bail, their lawyers said that they would be applying for the charges to be dropped on

the grounds of an abuse of

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impossible and wildlife ser-

iously damaged if a Com-

mons bill next month

becomes law, the Game Con-

MPs have been promised a

free vote on the wild

mammals (protection) bill.

sponsored by Kevin McNa-

mara, Labour MP for Kings-

ton upon Hull North and a

vice-president of the League

against Cruel Sports. Al-

though the bill will run out of

time because of the election, it

has all-party support and is

thought to stand a sporting

. Its main purpose is to ban

chance of winning the vote.

hunting with hounds, but it

would also make "cruel ill-

treatment" of a wild animal

an offence. That could outlaw

shooting, because birds and

animals might be left wound-

ed and in pain, the council

against live trapping because

of the stress it inflicts. Ferreting would almost cer-

tainly be outlawed as causing

unnecessary suffering. Foxes

chemical compound has yet

been approved.

Courts could also rule

says in a brief sent to MPs.

servancy Council says.

process by reason of delay, prejudicial publicity and othr matters'

Lord Justice Neill, sitting with Lord Justice Taylor and Mr Justice Ross, said yesterday that Mr Bartle had been wrong to conclude that the lapse of time between the committal of the alleged offences and a trial would result in the former Surrey police officers not having a fair hearing. He said that the jurisdic-

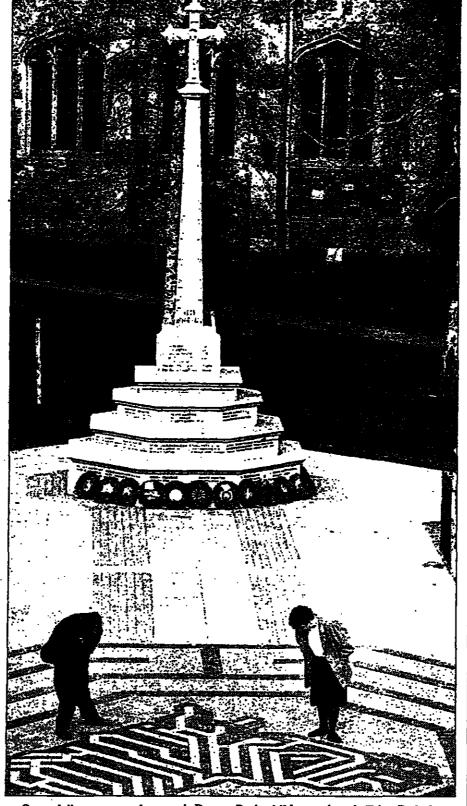
tion to halt criminal proceed-ings for delay had to be exercised with great care, particularly where it was not the fault of the prosecution but arose because matters giving rise to the proceedings had come to light only after a long period of time.

Mr Bartie ruled last year that proceedings against the three men were an abuse of the court process. He said that the delay since the case had been sufficiently extreme to raise an inference of prejudice; that public comment through the media was highly prejudicial and that the defendants had suffered disad-

vantage by the lapse of time. Style, John Donaldson and Vernon Attwell arose from the case of the Guildford Four, jailed for life for the 1974 Guildford and Woolwich pub bombings but freed by the Court of Appeal in October 1989. The Surrey officers were charged with conspiring to pervert the course of justice by manufacturing and putting forward notes said to be contemporaneously made in interviews with Patrick Armstrong, one

of the four. In the judgment, Lord Justice Neill said that while much of the publicity had been critical and even hostile towards the police, this could not affect a trial.

At the appeal court hear ing, Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, branded the men as liars. But Lord Justice Neill said: "A jury would be perfectly capable of deciding the case on the evidence without regard to what they might have seen or read three years



Crossed lines: passers-by yesterday examining a paved maze in the shape of a zebra's head in the redesigned Church Square at Tring, Hert-

The pattern of the new square, which was opened by the Right Rev Robin Smith, the Bishop of the eccentric Walter, sec- natural history exhibits

ond Baron Rothschild, who trained three zebras and a horse to pull his carriage on his estate at Tring a hundred years ago. The maze, laid in clay paving blocks, has been set in front of the town's war memorial outside the

parish church. Baron Rothschild was and made Tring Park the home of many species that were endangered even in Victorian times.

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Judge backs Equity ban on sales to South Africa

THE actor Marius Goring has failed in his High Court action to overturn a boycott by Equity, the actor's union. on sales of television and radio programmes to South

Mr Justice Mervyn Davies, who said that the case had been "most difficult to decide", rejected Mr Goring's claim that the union had acted illegally and in breach of its regulations by imposing the ban. He ruled that the sales ban arose from a genuine desire to protect the interests of black members of the 46,000 strong union.

Mr Goring, aged 79, who starred on television in The

Actor who plays a legal role

THERE are those who suggest, somewhat unkindly. that Marius Goring's name has appeared as often on court lists as on the credits rolling at the end of television programmes (Lin Jenkins

Since he joined the council of Equity, the actors union. in 1949. Mr Goring has been committed to keeping it non-political. He first challenged the council in 1972, when he sought a High Court injunction to prevent £150 of union money being given to miners' strike funds without the approval of the membership. It was a matter which prompted his resignation.

late 1970s resulted in a ruling on Equity rule-changes and, in 1986, he succeeded in a High Court action to over-Africa, Mr Justice Browne-Wilkinson found the union had exceeded its powers and

Expert and The Scarlet Pimpernel, claimed during the six-day hearing that the boycott had deprived British performers of millions of pounds in fees. He said that the ban was directly adverse to members' economic interests and had been unlawfully imposed for the sectarian purpose of

opposing apartheid.
The judge said: "I cannot forbear from concluding, unlikely as it may seem to the cynical, that the primary purpose of the sales ban policy was a genuine desire to protect the interests of the black membership." On the evidence, he did not feel justified in concluding that Equity was acting in a party political or sectarian manner.

Mr Goring faces a legal costs bill unofficially estimated at £180,000. He vowed to fight on. "I have lost. I just cannot understand why I have lost, but I am appeal-

ing."
The Equity president.
Nigel Davenport, who appeared in the BBC drama series Trainer, said: "Equity is relieved to have the result it has got." The union had held a democratic ballot and its membership had voted in favour of the boycott. Equity was obliged to uphold that decision in the courts. Mr Davenport added that as South Africa was changing rapidly, the union could decide to hold another ballot later, in which case the policy might be reversed.

In 1986, the High Court ruled that Equity's ban on its members working in South Africa had a sectarian purpose that did not promote the Further court action in the professional interests of the members and had therefore been wrongly imposed.

Mr Justice Mervyn Davies said yesterday that the two turn the union's ban on Brit- cases were different and Eqish actors working in South uity had a genuine desire to protect black members whose interests might be harmed if British companies started to that the boycott had a sectari- make programmes acceptan purpose not promoting able in South Africa to benefit



Statesmen's verdict: Denis Healey, Edward Heath and Lord Jenkins of Hillhead at Broadcasting House, London, after recording their first joint broadcast in which they evaluate five decades of politics. The three, who met as students at Balliol, Oxford, can be heard on Radio 4's The World This Weekend on Sunday

Framed brothers awarded £26,000

TWO brothers framed by the police and strip-searched were awarded a total of £26,800 in damages by the High Court yesterday for assault and false imprisonment. The Metropolitan police also face legal costs of about £30,000.

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John and Michael Watkins were arrested in February 1987 after police stopped their car in Stamford Hill, north London. Police claimed that Michael Watkins dropped two packets of cannabis as he got out of the car.

The brothers were held at Stoke Newington police station and strip-searched. Michael Watkins had his arm twisted behind his back. and his brother had his geni-tals grabbed. Michael Watkins, aged 27. of Welwyn Garden City, Hentfordshire. was charged with possession of cannabis, but acquitted in

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The High Court awarded Michael Watkins £10,000 for malicious prosecution. £10,000 exemplary damages and £2,000 for the assault, strip-search and false imprisonment. John Watkins was awarded £2,000 for the assault, £800 for false imprisonment and £2,000 exemplary damages.

After the case, Michael Watkins said: "It was blatant. outrageous behaviour by the police. It is a great relief that it is over and that two different juries have now proved

that I was innocent. Police Constable Simon Cooke, who arrested the brothers and was involved in the strip-search, has since resigned. Detective Inspector Ian Hosking, who was found guilty of assault, has been

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Heseltine fights Whitehall in very British war of wills

CIVIL servants have been watching the Cabinet Office for the past few days to see if they can be the first to detect the metaphorical puff of smoke that will signify the appointment of a successor to Sir Terence Heiser as permanent secretary of the environment department. So far, all they have noticed is a strong whiff of cordite in the Whitehall air.

Not since 1965, when Richard Crossman, then housing minister, scandalised the higher reaches of the civil service by opposing vig-orously the appointment of a Treasury man as his permanent secretary, has Whitehall seen such a tussle between a minister and a cabinet secretary over the selection of a mandarin.

Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, is unheels in against the names being put forward by Sir Robin Butler, the cabinet secretary. Mr Heseltine wants the search for a successor to Sir Terence to be done on a much wider basis than Buggins's turn, and he wants a permanent secretary with whom he gets on well, according to Whitehall sources.

First on the Butler list is Richard Wilson, a deputy secretary at the Treasury. Mr Wilson has pedigree he is married to the daughter of the late Sir Frank Lee, a highly regarded mandarin who went on to become a master of Corpus Christi. Cambridge. Sir Robin is also in favour

of Peter Owen, a deputy secretary at the Cabinet Office who has responsibility for the cabinet's economic sub-com-

Jamie Dettmer reports on a political tussle surrounding the appointment of a

mittees, and Derek Osborn, a deputy secretary for environ-mental protection at the environment department.

leading civil servant

Mr Owen, who is on secondment from the environment department, is said to cultivate a "man of the people" image. His mother still lives in a council house in Liverpool and, unlike the other two on the Butler list, he was not educated at Oxbridge, but at Liverpool University, where he studied French. Mr Osborn, a keen chess player, went to Balliol. Oxford, and is described by colleagues as being less forceful than Mr Owen. He is, however, a legendary hard worker who, to the amusement of his colleagues, always takes home two briefcases full

of papers.
The clash between Hesel-



Sir Robin: clash of style with Mr Heseltine

style," a Whitehall source said Mr Heseltine is believed to prefer Richard Mottram, a deputy under secretary at the defence ministry, who was his private secretary when he was defence minister. Sir Peter Levene, the retired chief of defence procurement at defence, and David Edmonds. once Mr Heseltine's private secretary at environment and now with the National Westminster Bank, have also been mentioned. Mr Edmonds has probably spoilt any chance he might have had by criticising government housing policy and the Treasury during an interview last week on the BBC's Panorama. His appearance on the programme without a tie was also not

geared to go down well. As electorates go, few come much smaller or more sophisers who select permament secretaries. Only the prime minister, the cabinet secre-tary, the minister whose department the appointment concerns and the outgoing permanent secretary cast a

There is not much room for canvassing, nor would that be in civil service tradition. But over a sherry or two with Sir Robin, other senior mandarins have the opportunity to try to influence the decision. Sir Robin may have a fail-back position. Some civil servanus suspect that he could well try to have Sir Terence's retirement date put back. He could then delay a decision on the appointment until after an election, by which time Labour may be in, or Mr Heseltine might have moved

department.

Thai court jails drug case Briton

A Briton was jailed for 25 years by a court in Thailand yesterday for possessing 71bs of heroin...

Stephen Harris, aged 33, of Nottingham, was told by the judge that he could have been jailed for 50 years but had been shown leniency because he pleaded guilty.

Harris was arrested on December 11, 1989, on charges of possessing the drug at his apartment in Bangkok. He said that he would not be appealing

Libel award

Christopher Tame, a director of the pro-smoking group Forest, accepted substantial High Court libel damages and an apology from LBC radio over a suggestion that he was in the pay of the tobacco industry.

Skipper fined

A coaster skipper was fined £2,500 by Plymouth crown court for sinking a 33ft fishing boat off the Cornish coast in May 1990. Bernard Gronin, aged 52, of Penicuik, Lothian, admitted failing to keep a proper lookout. -

Mean streets

Haralaphos Georgiou, who moved his car into a side street and under a lamp after it was repeatedly bumped outside his chip shop in Ilkeston, Derbyshire, needs £300 for a respray after the light bulb fell on the vehicle.

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Police suea

Andrew Wilford, aged 41, a businessman of Colwyn Bay, Clwyd, who claims that police have stopped him in his car 22 times in two years, is soing the chief constable for false imprisonment...,

Driver injured

Ann Marsh, aged 25, a physiotherapist of Keighley. West Yorkshire, was seriously injured after spending the night hanging upside down in freezing temperatures in her crashed car.

Discs case

Vinson Pike, aged 21; a computer dealer of Swindon. was bailed by the town's magistrates after being accused of possessing obscene floppy discs.

Speedy penalty

Lawrie McMenemy, England's assistant football manager, was fined £250 by Basingstoke magistrates,

Book Aid spreads the word

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA

BOOK Aid, the charity that aims to send a million books to Russia and the republics, has extended its national appeal for seven days, after a week in which at least 200,000 books were handed.

in at bookshops. At the campaign's ware-house in King's Cross yesterday, scores of volunteers were busily sorting donations into subject headings, filling trolleys with management books, Russian classics in translation, novels, works of philosophy, history books, and antiquarian gems, the most precious of which will be auctioned. Rachael Barraclough, Book Aid's project coordinator, said the scale of the

public response had exceeded ali expectation. The National Book Aid appeal runs until Sunday, February 2.
Books may be handed in at
Heffers, 20 Trinity St, Cambridge; Blackwell, 50 Broad St.
Coford: H.J. Lear, Royal Arrade,

Oxford: H.J. Lear, Royal Arcade, Cardiff: Hammick's, Farnham (both branches); Ottakur's, Salisbury; and the following branches of Waterstone's: London: Charing Cross Rd, Croydon, Covent Garden, Hampstead, High St., Kensington. Kingston upon Thames, Notting Hill Gate, Richmond, Wimbledon; Aberdeen; Bath (4/5 Millorm St.): Rimming. Bath (4/5 Milsom St): Birmingham; Bournemouth; Brighton; Bristol (The Galleries, Broadmead); Canterbury, Cheltenham; mead; Canterour; Cnetternam; Colchester (University of Esser); Edinburgh (Princes St and George St); Eastbourne; Exeter; Glasgow (Princes Sq); Guildford (North St): Lancaster; Leeds

Newcastle: Norwich (St Stephen Newcastle: Norwich (St' Stephen's St; Nottingham; Pertit; Preston; Sheffield; Shrewsbury; Stratford upon Avon; Swindon; Win-chester; Worcester, York, Larger-book donations: Book Aid ware-house (071 713 1258). Please do not send books to The Times. Cheques payable to Book Aid may be sent c'o Waterstone's Ltd. 37 Irworth Place, London's SWI. 37 Ixworth Place, London SW3 3QH. Donors of money and vol-unters will be entered into a draw, first prize, return flight to St Petersburg or Moscow, do-nated by Barry Martin Travels record retra care of wine donoted second prize case of wine donated by Oddbins, five runners up £20 hook vouchers each donated by Waterstone's. Witners will be contacted by February 14.

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Scots aim to drink whisky loch dry

By Kerry Gill

SCOTLAND is producing too much of the "golden cratur" and must cut whisky production by up to 10 per cent, according to a leading analyst. The news could not have come at a

more opportune time, however, because tonight is Burns Night when Scots in their droves around the world celebrate the birth of the country's bard, Robert Burns, himself no mean imbiber of the hard stuff. It will be up to his followers to do their best to eliminate the stock surplus.

However manfully they raise their glasses to the task, though, Alan Gray, author of Charterhouse Tilney's annual review of the performance of the Scotch whisky industry, has said that distilleries must "bite the bullet" this year and reduce production significantly to avoid the possibility of closures and redundancies.

In 1989, for the first time in nine years, production exceeded consumption and that was repeated on a greater scale in 1990, Mr Gray said in his report. "Unfortunately, despite the cutbacks in 1991 there will again be over production ... and more substantial cuts are needed in 1992."

He emphasised however that in spite of the recession the industry was healthy because of improved marketing more innovative advertising and the launch of high value products. particularly in the Far East. Highly priced whiskies in Japan, for instance, have become almost collectors items.

The industry has to avoid a return to the bad old days of ten years ago when a huge "whisky loch" depressed prices and distilleries were threatened by low prices, discrimination against Scotch, a growing anti-drink lobby, a poor image of whisky among women and competition from drinks such as vedka, tequila and especially

white wine. Mr Gray said that the trend to-wards healthy eating and physical fitness in America, now rapidly gaining popularity in Britain, had caused people it move away from "hard li-quor" to drinks with a lower or negli-gible: alcohol content. Tonight. however, from the Highland glens to the Lowland bothies, such wimpish characteristics will be forgotten.



Nuclear conmen make a bomb out of mercury trade



Barnaby: red mercury

ENTERPRISING businessmen bomb. When inspectors from the from Eastern Europe are cashing in on the collapse of the Soviet Union to try to sell spurious nuclear materials" to unsuspecting Third World regimes.

Not only the customers have been taken in; the Western press has begun to publish stories about red mercury, a material said to be used for the production of thermonuclear weapons and for guidance systems in ballistic missiles. Nuclear experts say that red mercury is not a material of any strategic importance, and certain-ly not worth the \$250,000 a kilogram being asked for it. Hungarian traders have flooded

a Hollywood thriller, including the appearance of forged documents written in Cyrillic script to substantiate claims that the substance was smuggled out of Russia. Although there have been police potential customers from Iraq to Pakistan with offers to sell red raids in Prague and Sofia recently, the Hungarian connection remercury, claiming that it is vital mains the strongest. One Hungarfor the detonation of a hydrogen

partially resigned to losing some of these insects."

The butterfly, the most loved of insects, has been

losing members of its family

steadily since 1950. The

forked wings and haphazard

flight of the British swallow-tail, Papiolo machaon, is be-

coming a rare sight. The heath fithillary and the iridescent large blue are among the 27 highly endangered species of moth and butterfly in

More than one-eighth of

the species of spider indige-

nous to Britain are under

threat. Arachnids rather than

insects, the numbers of both

terrestial and freshwater spi-ders are decreasing signifi-cantly. The ladybird spider and the fen raft spider in

particular should not be

International Atomic Energy

Agency visited Baghdad they

found cupboards full of offers to

sell the material. "The Iraqis have been besieged with offers," David Kyd, of the agency, said. "We also have a drawer full of them here."

In London, the defence ministry

confirmed that red mercury was

"not a material of nuclear signifi-

The hoax has all the trappings of

Hungarian hoaxers are cashing in on Third World demand for nuclear materials by selling dyed mercury at \$250,000 a kilogram. But you could buy it for a fraction of the price, Ernest Beck and Nigel Hawkes write

November and three in Milan last week, all suspected of trying to sell the substance.

According to Colonel Laszlo Tonhauser, head of the organised crime division of the Hungarian national police, "several hundred" businessmen may now be involved in the trade. "It is like a fever," he says. "Every Hungarian company wants to sell it along with their other products, like salami, although nobody has ever seen the

stuff or really knows what it is." The most convincing cover story about red mercury is that it is an essential ingredient in the production of lithium-6, an isotope used in hydrogen bombs. When the Hungarian trader was arrested in Athens last year, news agencies quoted an anonymous Greek nuclear expert as saying that red mercury was a chloride of mercu-

the production of lithium-6. Later, The Guardian reported that a British businessman, Alan Kidger, whose mutilated body had been found in the boot of a stolen car in South Africa, might have been killed because he was involved with an arms ring smug-

ry, used to form an amalgam with

lithium in an intermediate stage in

gling red mercury. The Sunday Times quoted a Russian science editor as saying that red mercury, which could be used to improve the guidance system on ballistic missiles, was being smuggled out of Russia and sold for \$400,000 a

Anybody who falls for the con finishes up with a flask of normal mercury dyed a colour described in the purchase orders as "cherry red". Frank Barnaby, former director of the Stockholm Peace Research institute, has a personal theory that red mercury is actually a code name for enriched uranium. "The price is about right for 10 per cent enriched uranium," he says. "Why anybody should pay it for a mercury compound they could get from any chemist for a fraction as much is a mystery."

Whether any would-be nuclear powers have fallen for the scam is not clear. But the fact that it has been going on for years suggests that the traders have scored some successes. Recent political changes provide an air of authenticity to the sales pitch, Mr Kyd says, especially "if someone speaks in a

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Slavic accent in a seedy bar". Although Western nuclear experts are now beginning to tire of the red mercury subject, the export of Soviet nuclear know-how remains a serious problem. Yester-day the Los Angeles Times rep-orted that the United States was prepared to provide jobs for 2,000 Russian nuclear scientists to preledge elsewhere. Just so long as they don't turn up with a flask of red mercury . . .

Mission to save the creepy crawlies

ALMOST 550 species of insect native to to Britain are in danger of extinction, according to the Social Trends survey. The fare of the dormouse and the red squirrel, the two rarest mammals in Britain. has always generated popular concern. Not so the 142 different kinds of beetle at risk.

The gleaming rainbow leaf beetle is the most endangered species followed by the blue ground beetle and the Agonum sahlbergi, found only in parts of Glasgow.

Three types of cricket are protected by law but are unlikely to survive. The scaly cricket with its Latin name, Mogoplistes squamiger, has not been seen for some time, but is not yet officially extinct. There are 41 British kinds

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Beetles are among our less well known endangered species, Alison Roberts writes

of dragonfly and damselfly --the thinner, less robust cousin of the Odanata (large-jawed) order. Four species are on the point of extinction and five others are becoming increasingly rare. The orange spot-ted emerald, the Norfolk hawker, Norfolk damselfly and dainty damselfly will cease to exist if their habitat

continues to be destroyed. Dr Martin Drake, entymologist with English Nature, said: "To help insects is going to require large ment, which is politically un-

NATIVE SPECIES AT RISK 1990

English Nature began its species recovery programme last year. Conservationists investigate the biological requirements of various threatened species and then build up the profile of an ideal

crushed underfoot.

Dr Drake said: "We have had some success, particular-ly with the fen raft spider. We now know the scientific needs of the species and it is a matter of getting it right in

Vacuum cleans up prairie

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN CORTEZ COLORADO

AN AMERICAN businessman has invented a giant vacuum device which clears prairie dogs from their bur-rows without killing them. The animals are deposited alive, if confused, in a large tank in his lorry. "It causes them no harm,"

Gay Balfour, of southwestern Colorado, says. "It takes the little critter up and puts him in a tank, and there he can either be relocated or dispatched, whatever is necessary to do."

The animals go up a tube 4in in diameter and about 50ft long, then slide along a padded deflector plate into the tank. By the time workers stop the suction device to check the tank, they are already beginning to play in the dirt that is sucked up with them.

The device, called Dog-Gone, offers an alternative to the mass killings of prairie dogs that have long angered animal rights activists. Since its beginnings last summer, it has spread throughout southwestern America.

Mr Balfour said that the prairie dogs captured by his vacuum might still have to be killed if there was nowhere to relocate them, but he is now trying to avoid that by developing a market to send them



Holed out: a Dog-Gone operator puts a hose down a prairie dog hole. The animals are sucked up the hose and deposited alive in the lorry behind. They can then be moved to land not wanted for building or farming

Slimline shoppers leave luxuries on the shelf

CONSUMERS are buying more health-conscious products than ever before. Most, however, are prompted to do so more by the present economic climate than by any desire to live a healthy lifestyle. Most say that as soon as the economy picks up they will be splashing out again on

fattening foods and luxuries. Fresh, healthy goods are filling shopping baskets while red meat sales decrease, according to Kingsland Lloyd Petersen, a firm of marketing consultants which surveyed 2,000 consumers in Birmingham and the South-East. An upturn in the economy will, however, herald increased sales of wine, cakes and chocolates, according to the firm.

Twenty-eight per cent of those surveyed by the company said that health was the prime influence behind their ood purchases while 24 per cent said they were driven by the desire to slim. Some 61

American film director Spike Lee arrived in South Africa

yesterday to shoot scenes for a

film about the black radical

leader Malcolm X which is

aimed at bringing blacks in

Africa and America closer to-

gether. Lee will spend two

days in Soweto filming scenes for Any Means Necessary, a

movie on the American activist who was assassinated in

1965. Lee, visiting South Af-

rica for the first time, told a

news conference it did not

matter that Malcolm X had

never come to the country.

"Malcolm X a long time ago

saw the connection between

coloured (black) people all

French film star Beatrice

Daile admitted tearfully in a

Paris courtroom yesterday to

stealing jewels from a bou-

tique last November and re-

ceived a six-month suspended

prison term and a 20,000

francs (£2,000) fine. Dalle,

who is 28, confessed to the

theft after being hurried into

court with her head wrapped

in a black shawl to shield her

from press cameras. "Jewels.

I love them," she said in a

trembling voice. She was

caught red-handed as she

slipped jewels into her right

thigh-boot at a store in Paris's

over the world."

Consumers are losing the pounds while watching the pennies. Peter Victor reports

per cent said that money was short and they were doing without bisquits: 47 per cent were cutting out cakes.

All 47 per cent, however, admitted that when things got better they would put cakes back on their shopping list. Some 49 per cent expressed a desire to resume buying meat and 58 per cent said that they would start to buy wine again.

Supermarket shopping is on the increase, with 48 per cent of those surveyed saying that they use supermarkets more and only 5 per cent moving to the use of other stores. Corner shops are used less frequently with 17 per cent going to other outlets. Extortionate pricing was cited most commonly as a reason. Prices notwithstand-

PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE

Malcolm X's Soweto days

Marais district. The two

bracelets, four necklaces, five

pairs of earrings and two

signet rings she took were worth 25,000 francs

(£2,500). Her lawyer, Jean-

Yves Lienart, said she had

been lonely and depressed at

the time because her husband

had attempted suicide and

then divorced her. The case

has reinforced her screen im-

age as an unhinged femme

fatale. In Jean-Jacques

Beineix's hit Betty Blue she

played a glamorous vandal

French mountaineer Guy Gé-

rard, who refused to let blind-

ness stop him from reaching

the Americas' highest peak.

who plucks an eye.

ing, the survey showed that few housewives know the exact prices of bread, milk, eggs and petrol.

If they did not know the prices of the basics, at the luxury goods end they did not care. Consumers said that they would rather pay extra or even go without luxuries than opt for supermarkets' own brand goods. The definition of luxuries was prosaic, however, with chocolate biscuits, cakes and wine included.

When asked what was the first thing they would do when the economy picked up, 37 per cent said they would go on holiday; 34 per cent said that this had been their big sacrifice of 1991. Of those who had put off holidays, 79 per cent said they would re-

book as soon as possible. The survey held little promise for the housing market. however, with only 6 per cent expressing an intention to move house after an econ-

the Himalayas soon. Gérard

reached the summit of Acon-

cagua in the Andes at

22,848ft, alongside a team of

Charles Moulin, a veteran of

more than 100 films and a

former swimming champion

known as the "French Tarzan", died at his home in

Montélimar yesterday aged

82. In a career that spanned

five decades, he starred in

many classic French films,

working with such directors

as Marcel Pagnol, Sacha

The Liberal Democrat leader

Paddy Ashdown has told Liv-

ing magazine of his fear that

his two children - Kate and

Simon, in their early twenties

suicide because of his success.

He considers Westminster

the worst place for a family

man, designed to "smash up

marriages". He said: "My

great fear has always revolved

around the fact that the child-

ren of politicians have a terri-

ble record of mental break-

downs and suicides. I'm quite

paranoid about it, but I'm

very lucky because I've got

— might one day commit

Guitry and Jean Becker.

compatriots as his guides.

omic upturn.

When a chicken is not a chicken

Washington: Researchers have found that if you take genetically female chicken eggs and inject a chemical you get chickens that look and act like male chickens. They even develop testes capable of produc-

ing sperm.
The results of two scientists, Alex Elbrecht and Roy Smith, appeared yesterday in the weekly journal Science. It may be good news for the broiler industry — it is more economical for broiler producers to feed male chickens; they grow more quickly and eat less feed per pound of body weight

than females. (Reuter) Picker law

Rome: Italy's agriculture ministry is preparing to get tough with the thousands of wildcat mushroom pickers. A law being drafted imposes fines of up to 100,000 lire (£47) on anyone taking over 4lb a day. (Reuter)

Past pleasure

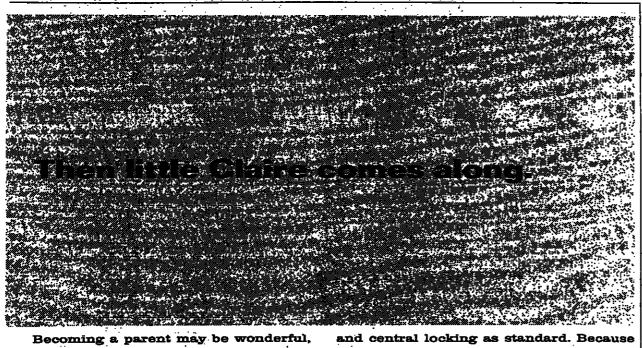
Peking: The sport of emperors has returned to communist China with the opening of the Miyun hunting ground, a 9,880acre preserve about 80 miles outside the capital near the Wuling mountains. Foreign and Chinese hunters can hunt pheasants, goats, deer and other animals. (AP)

Royal kiss

Norwich: Prince Charles turned on the charm by giving a woman a kiss when she pleaded for a peck on the cheek. Jean Overson, who would not give her age, blushed with pride as the prince obliged on a visit to a shoe factory in Norwich.

US invasion

Moscow: Bugs Bunny and Superman and a host of other American superstars are coming to Russian television, courtesy of Warner Brothers, a company spokeswoman said From today, some of America's most popular films will be featured on Channel I, run by Russia but seen around the whole Commonwealth of Independent States. (Reuter)



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Presidential candidacy jeopardised

Paper claims to hold tape of Clinton affair

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

on," he allegedly rold her last September. "There's nothing

they can do. I expected them

to look into it and come inter-

view you. But if everybody is on the record denying it — no

problem." He continues: "They don't have pictures. If

no one says anything, then they don't have anything."

ton allegedly says: "There's no negative to this except I

might lose the nomination to Bob Kerrey (the Nebraska

senator) ... because he's sin-gle nobody cares who he's

screwing." Everything would be fine "as long as everyone

The Star admitted that it

had paid Ms Flowers for the

tapes and her story. She had decided to go public because: "I'm so tired of all the lying and hiding. For 12 years I

was his girlfriend and now he

tells me to deny it . . . the truth

is I loved him and, yes, we did

hangs tough".

At another point Mr Clin-

BILL Clinton, the Democrat presidential front-runner, said yesterday that he was being victimised for having had the honesty to publicly admit to past marital problems. Mr Clinton's protest came after an American tabloid newspaper claimed to have obtained tape recordings of his attempts to cover up an extra-marital affair.

The Arkansas governor has strongly denied allegations in the Star newspaper that he had a steamy 12-year affair with a former nightchub sing-er called Gennifer Flowers, who was recently given a job

on the state payroll.

The Star claimed to have obtained from Ms Flowers tapes of about 15 confidential telephone conversations between her and Mr Clinton dating from December 1990. The paper played one nine-second excerpt to reporters to corroborate its claim.

In an interview with The Washington Post yesterday, he admitted telephoning Ms Flowers, but said he was only returning calls from her and had done so with his wife's full knowledge. All he had told her was to tell the truth.

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If the allegations proved to be true, the affair by itself. might not be enough to cause



Clinton: victimised for being honest

From the start of his campaign he has acknowledged unspecified past dalliances. What would really imperil his candidacy would be the perception that he had lied to the

American people.
Until now the American mainstream press had largely ignored persistent allegations about Mr Clinton's affairs. but almost all the big newspaper are carrying this latest story and it appears to be reaching critical mass.

According to the Star, they have a tape of Mr Clinton telling Ms Flowers to deny their affair if approached by the media. "If they ever hit Mr Clinton's withdrawal. you with it, just say no and go

Singer and the song: Gennifer Flowers, who claims she had an affair with Governor Bill Clinton

Peking to join talks on Middle East peace

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM AND MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

DELEGATIONS from Pefinal preparations yesterday for next week's multilateral Middle East peace talks in Moscow, which will attract an unprecendented range of international powers but few

of the region's key players. The latest country to confirm its attendance yesterday was China, which, after years of support for the Palestinian cause and Arab countries, formally opened ties with Is-rael during a ceremony with David Levy, the Israeli foreign minister. Between toasts and congratulations at the Diaoyutai guest house in Peking, Qian Qichen, the Chi-nese foreign minister, said his country hoped to "play an important role in pushing forward the peace process".

However, as he, the Russian hosts and the American co-sponsors will have noticed, the dialogue in the negotia-tions — which are expected to deal with regional arms control, water resources, economic co-operation and the environment - threatens to become reduced to a one-

At a meeting of Arab for-

eign ministers in Marrakesh, try as a partner, if not quite the atmosphere was far less optimistic as hardline states vowed to boycott the regional meeting until progress was first made at the bilateral talks between Israel and its neighbours.

Vitali Churkin, the Russian foreign ministry spokesman. has insisted for the past two weeks that Moscow will host the talks as planned, and arrangements for press coverage and accreditation are proceeding on that assumption. Behind the scenes, however, there is deep concern that the talks may simply not

take place or be postponed. The Moscow leg of the peace talks is especially important to Russia and to its president, Boris Yeltsin, because it will be the first world political event to be hosted by Russia as the successor state of the Soviet Union. President Yeltsin is believed to be planning a speech at the opening ceremony, which will be held in the Hall of Columns in Moscow.

Russia clearly hopes that the talks will put Moscow back on the international map and establish the counan equal partner, with America. If no Middle East peace talks take place in Moscow next week, that will confirm the suspicion voiced bitterly by conservative politicians that Russia is now a secondrank power.

If the talks in Moscow do go ahead, America, Russia, the European Community. Japan. Canada and the Uni-ted Nations will all be represented, with Israel, a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Arab Gulf states. But none of the most populous and powerful countries in the region, including Iran, Iraq. Syria, Lebanon, Yemen and Algeria, will be represented. • Labour boost: Israel's opposition Labour party is gain-ing popularity with the country's electorate, but is unlikely to overtake the ruling Likud party unless it changes leadership, an opinion poll conducted among 1,100 Jew-ish Israeli voters by the Smith Research Institute indicated yesterday. Support for Lab-our, led by Shimon Peres, stands at 27 per cent, with Likud at 32 per cent.

Algiers militants defy mosque ban

FROM ALFRED HERMIDA IN ALGIERS

ISLAMIC fundamentalist leaders in Algeria have defied a ban by the military-backed authorities on making political statements in mosques: At Friday prayers in Algiers leaders of the main religious. party, the Islamic Salvation Front, denounced the country's new leader, Muhammad Boudiaf, and accused the

Troops and not police sealed off the main mosques in the fundamentalist strongholds of Bab el Oued and Kouba. The security operation had begun the previous night, with police setting up roadblocks around the capi-tal to stop fundamentalists from entering. The few that did make it to the mosques were prevented from gather-

ing in nearby streets.
"This is Algerian democracy for you," said a salvation front supporter, after he had been stopped from going to the mosque. Elections were cancelled two weeks age after the army intervened to prevent the front from coming to consider the salvation front. Algiers plans to take the country's 10,000 mosques out of the

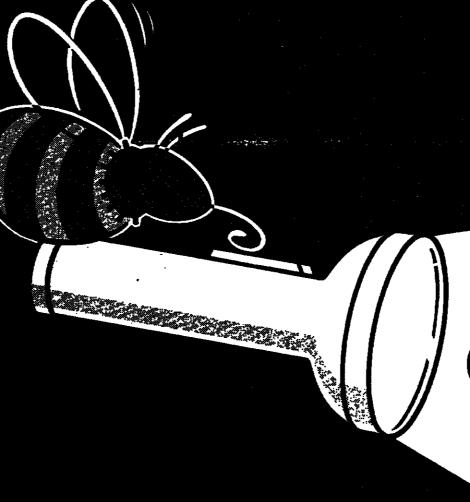
In Bab el Oued police and troops sealed off the mosque and there was at least one

building. Bystanders said warning shots had been fired to disperse the crowd. They said that troops were preventing people from leaving the building. In nearby streets there were cries of: "Down with Boudiaf."

In Kouba riot police kept worshippers away from the army of being against the main mosque where Muhammad Said, one of the principal leaders of the salvation front was speaking. Mr Said launched a scathing attack on the authorities, describing Mr Boudiai as a puppet who was brought in by the army to disguise what was really happening. Despite his fiery tone, Mr Said repeated his party's appeal for calm and restraint. The salvation front yesterday named Othmane Aissani, deputy chairman of its executive bureau, as its acting leader. He takes over from Abdelkader Hachani, who was

plans to take the country's 10,000 mosques out of the party's control. They plan to replace fundamentalist imams with government-ap machinegun mounted on a proved religious leaders.

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Egypt 'foils foreign plot'

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

Egypt announced yes-terday it had foiled a plot by an unnamed foreign power to destabilise the country by infiltrating agents to agitate on the streets and carry out ter-rorist attacks.

The disclosure came amid tension caused by widespread opposition sympathy in Egypt for the plight of the Islamic fundamentalists in Algeria. denied the right to rule, and by spiralling price rises, one of which on bu-tane gas was halted this month after President Mubarak intervened

All three semi-official Cairo papers yesterday gave prominence to a report to the cabinet by Mo-hammed Abdel-Halim Moussa, the interior minister, about the discovery of the plot. Although the Government officials are foreign power was not also still mindful of the named, there was speculation that fundamentalmay have been involved.

Egypt is one of the countries most closely afmonths, hundreds of Islamic militants have been detained without trial under controversial emergency laws which were introduced after the as-

leged torture. Mr Mubarak's fears about a link between eco-nomic and political dissent have been increased by recent mass demonstrations in the key industrial town of Helwan against price rises. This month, the security forces declared a state of emergency at all railway sta-tions after public fury at the introduction of a 25 per cent rise in ticket

The price rises are part of a programme of remanded by the International Monetary Fund. President Mubarak has repeatedly given warnings of the dangers of social unrest if adjustments are ordered too quickly. 1977 bread riots which nearly toppled Sadat.

The daily al-Ahram re-ported yesterday: "The cabinet debated a report on an attempt by a forfected by events in Alge-ria. In the past few agents into Egypt to deagents into Egypt to de-stabilise the country, starting with agitation and culminating with ter-torist acts. The security forces in Egypt have re-cently aborted the plot. sassination of President - The minister of the interi-Sadat by Muslim fanatics or's report asserted that in 1981. Some have alsstability prevailed."

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March nears Srinagar

Rebel rocket attack wrecks police base

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

KASHMIRI separatists virrually destroyed the police headquarters in the state capital of Srinagar in a rocket attack yesterday, injuring several senior policemen.

The attack came as the army and paramilitary police braced themselves for trouble tomorrow when a mass pro-cession of Hindus is due to reach the city, defying ap-peals from the Indian govern-

Tensions in Kashmir and Punjab are exceptionally high because of the ekta yatra (journey of unity) organised by the hardline Hindu nationalist organisation, the Bharatiya Janata Party. Thousands of people assembled in the mainly Hindu city of Jammu yesterday in readiness for the final leg of an 8,000-mile journey that began at the southern tip of India in December.

The declared aim has been to highlight the threat to India's unity posed by the Kashmiri uprising. The procession has conveyed a clear if unspoken anti-Muslim message.



threatening another bout of communal violence. The government is reluctant to play into the party's hands by halting the procession, although some ministers were insisting privately last night that it should be stopped because of the serious consequences if it came under attack from Muslim separatists. That would doubtless be portrayed by the party as a Pakistan-backed Muslim backlash across the sensitive north.

Landslides caused by sleet and snow blocked the road from Jammu to Srinagar yesterday. It was not apparent last night whether the road would be cleared in time for the procession to reach Srinagar tomorrow, which is In-

dia's Republic day.
The government is clearly tempted to leave the road blocked; hasty high-level discussions were going on last night about what to do. Bharatiya Janata leaders repeated their refusal to call off the procession or to abandon plans to hoist the Indian flag at Lal Chowk in the old part of the city, which by tradition is an exclusively Muslim area. Lal Chowk is regarded as a militant stronghold.

The Kashmiri separatist battle, which began in the summer of 1989, is being portrayed by the Bharatiya Janata party as a Pakistani-supported Muslim assault on the unity of India. The government's worst fear is that the ekta vatra will be attacked by Kashmiri Muslims. If that happened, security forces might be unable to control any anti-Muslim backlash across the north because so many troops and paramilitary forces are in Punjab in readiness for elections due on

One of the main Punjabi political parties, the Akali Dal (Mann), says that it will hold a rally at Iqbai Park in Srinagar to coincide with the planned Hindu rally. The aim would be to highlight the interests of minorities.

The rising tensions are also being felt on the Pakistan side of Kashmir. The state administration of so-called "Azad" (free) Kashmir said that it would observe a "black day" to coincide with the Bharatiya Janata march to Srinagar. Pakistan radio quoted Qayyum Khan, the prime minister of the nominally independent state, as urging people to take part.

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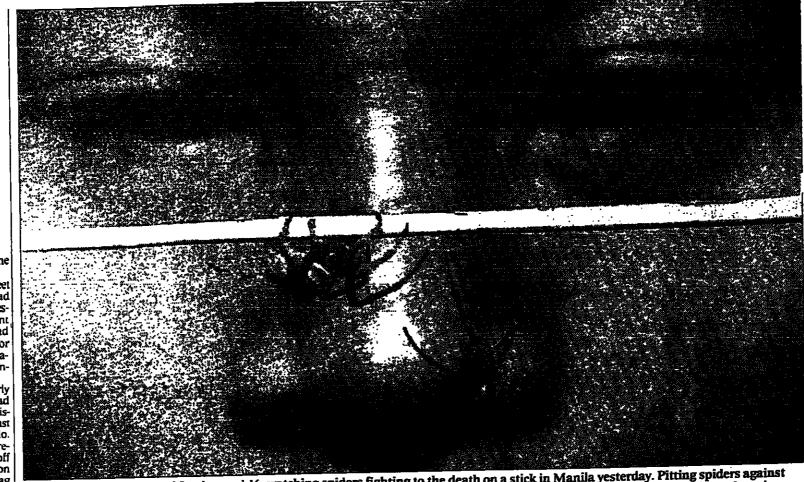
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gratiatingly and executed a flourishing nose-to-knees bow as his lugubrious octogenarian client lowered himself gingerly into an office armchair.
"I personally trailed your

honourable lady for six hours and then she disappeared into a soapland [Japanese brothel] with a young man. In the file you will find a full report on her new consort," Mr Tashiro explained.

The dapper Mr Tashiro. aged 47, runs one of the most successful of Tokyo's 700 detective agencies, specialising in marital infidelity and investigations into the backgrounds of putative spouses. Last week's mission, the mysterious case of the girlfriend's boyfriend, began when a wealthy (and married) industrialist engaged Mr Tashiro to trail one of his mistresses whom he suspected of cavort-

ing with a young man.
"Within three days we had compiled a file on the boyfriend - his name, age, address, health, family backround

Ever-seasonal marital infidelity, coupled with springtime's nuptial flurry, means big business for private detectives, Joanna Pitman reports from Tokyo

been hoodwinked by this woman. After all, he was paying her large housing and spending allowances," he solemnly said later. January is the busiest time

of the year for Mr Tashiro. With his team of 18 detectives he has to deal with a flood of commissions to investigate potential spouses in time for the springtime wedding season. "For thousands of hardworking bachelors, the holiday at new year is the only time they have to find a wife. As soon as they spot a candidate, they begin negotiating marriage and then come to us to have the potential spouse checked out," he said, sounding as clinical as a property

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giene," he said. Having picked up the rudiments of the trade at his father's knee, Mr Tashiro spent 20 years in official apprenticeship, going around Tokyo with a zoom lens and a notebook, before becoming a fully licensed detective. Ten years later he had set up his own outfit, the Research Information Centre, in Tokyo.

Today he is proud to point out that over half the bloodhounds on his team are women. "They are much better at the adultery cases, as women don't notice another woman close to them when they might notice a man." About 80 per cent of the women and almost 100 per cent of the men he investigates turn out to be having affairs. "If their wives are involved with another man, the men usually want a divorce, but women with proof of their husband's infidelity generally don't, because they fear not having enough mon-

ey to live on."
With business booming this month, Mr Tashiro is on the lookout for new recruits. "I tend to scout among journalists, policemen and teach-

ers. The job is tough But the tables may be turning on Japanese men who still assume they can take their pick of timid young women to turn into unquestioningly faithful wives. The fact that single men now outnumber single women by two million is dashing these dreams. Japanese women are beginning to grow more assertive in the realms of romance.

Japanese cannibal, page 1

Deng promises to keep Hong Kong free for 100 years

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN HONG KONG

DENG Xiaoping, the paramount Chinese leader, says Peking will maintain Hong Kong's freewheeling capital ist system for a hundred years after control of the colony reverts to Peking in 1997 according to an unidentified source quoted by the Chineselanguage Hong Kong Economic Times yesterday.

The report said Mr Deng had reaffirmed China's commitment to guarantee the ter-ritory a "high degree of autonomy" for 50 years after the July 1, 1997, takeover. "I have said before that, once Hong Kong returns to the motherland, the capitalist system will be maintained for 50 years," he is quoted as saying. "The way I see it now. that guarantee won't change for a hundred years."

Mr Deng, aged 87, made his remarks in the Chinese city of Shenzhen in the booming special economic zone Kong. The visit marked his first official public appearance for a year. Analysis said that Mr Deng's visit signalled his commitment to economic reform in China and to Hong Kong as a capitalist window to the free-market world. No observer, however, has sug-

gested that it marks the be-

party and the military. With the paramount leader's backing, reformers are expected to hold the upper hand at the

guese enclave of Macau, the reports said. Throughout his trip he has praised develop-ment in the Pearl river delta region, which boasts China's highest standard of living. In 1991, its industries grew an

After leaving Shenzhen, Mr Deng travelled to nearby Zhuhai, a special economic zone that borders the Portu-

estimated 28 per cent.

• Liberal attack: Liberal poli-

liberalisation. Mr Deng is believed to be using his trip to prepare for the 14th congress of the Chinese Communist party, which is expected later this year to carry out big shifts of personnel throughout the

ginning of political

ticians yesterday attacked China's plans to recruit advissaying they would be yes-men and could undermine the British colony's increasingly assertive legislature. Some of the liberals, who are trying to push Hong Kong towards true democracy, said that the hand-picked advisers would wield an alarming amount of power. (Reuter)



Out, and about: Deng Xiaoping being shown the sights of Shenzhen by Deng Nan, his daughter

Aquino choice upsets party

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Manila: President Aquino to-day will endorse Fidel Ramos. aged 63, the former Philippines defence secretary, as her administration's candidate to succeed her in the country's May election (Abby

Tan writes).
Political leaders of the ruling Philippine Democratic Struggie party said that they were disappointed that the party's nominee. Ramon Mitra, junior speaker of the House of Representatives, had failed to get the president's blessing.

War apology

Tokyo: Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minister, offering an apology of sorts, became the first Japanese leader to admit that his country was an aggressor in the second world war, and that it had committed atrocities against its Asian neighbours. (Reuter)

Fraud claims

Nonekchott: Mauritanians voted in their first free presidential elections, but polling was dogged by bad organisation and opposition claims of fraud. Diplomats said it appeared that false identity cards were being issued to under-age voters. (Reuter)

Homes looted

Kinshasa: Zairean soldiers demanding a tenfold pay rise looted scores of houses in Kinshasa, killing at least two people, witnesses said. Armed troops raided homes and even robbed the national soccer squad, the Leopards, in their hotel. (Reuter)

Star dies

Sarasota, Florida: Freddie Bartholomew, the Londonborn child star of the 1930s whose name became synonymous with the boys he played in David Copperfield and Little Lord Fauntleroy, has died at the age of 67.

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Security pact

Singapore: Ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations have agreed to step up co-operation on security until recently a taboo area. But the leaders of Asean agreed that the group would would not become a mil alliance. (Reuter)

Hero freed

Peking: Chinese authorities have released Zhang Tieshang, a former student and hero of the 1970s Cultural Revolution, who was jailed 15 years ago for complicity with the Gang of Four, led by Mao Tse-tung's wife, Jiang Qing, press reports said. AFP)

Sick transit

Cape Canaveral, Florida: Motion sickness hit crew members of the Discovery shuttle as they entered the second day of a mission, which aims in part to study nausea caused by weightless-ness. President Bush planned to phone the crew. (Reuter)

Poison revenge 🤄

Tokyo: Ryoji Akashi, aged 28, has been sentenced to six years in prison for trying to get revenge on classmates and a teacher who had bullied him ten years earlier by poisoning beer and planting bombs at a Mitagawa junior high school reunion. (AFP)

Pumping the gas for Uncle Sam

Motorists who pull into Bill Chartrand's Fina petrol station on Interstate 55 in southwestern Illinois now get a two-cent discount on every gallon if they are

driving an American car. Like many Americans stung by the recent charge by the speaker of the Japanese parliament that America was simply a "sub-contractor" of Japan. Mr Chartrand wanted to do his bit for the burgeoning Buy American movement.

Across the country, businessmen like him have begun offering concessions to people who buy goods labelled Made in the USA. The biggest gesture has come from the Monsanto Chemical Corp in St Louis, Missouri, which promised this week to give each of its 12.000 employees \$1.000 (£555) if they bought or leased a car built in North America before July 31.

Monsanto, which has seen a 10 per cent decline in the past year in its billion-dollar annual business with the car industry, justified the offer as an effort to stimulate America's economic recovery. But the

The Buy American movement is burgeoning as businessmen offer concessions to people who buy goods made in the USA. James Bone writes

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firm's so-called Project Get July 4, American Indepen-Rolling follows the pattern of other campaigns with a distinctly anti-Japanese

Dr William Lippy, an ear surgeon from Warren. Ohio, got the ball rolling by starting a programme called Jump Start America two weeks ago after President Bush failed to get firm commitments during his trip to Japan about Japanese imports of American

Co far more than 130 Ohio companies have signed up to offer their workers \$200 to buy a used American car, \$400 for a new one and \$600 for a car made at the local General Motors plant at Lordstown. Describing himself as "embarrassed for the president". Dr Lippy hopes to get an extra 20,000 American cars sold in Ohio by

dence day.

Dan Quayle, the vicepresident, has warned of the dangers of "mindless Japan bashing". But there is no sign that the anti-Japanese sentiment raging across America will abate

The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission decided this week to cancel a \$122 million contract with the Japaneseowned Sumitomo Corp to build railway cars. Besieged by public protests about Japan stealing Amer-ican jobs, the commission wants to set up its own

factory. The town board in a suburb of Rochester, New York, ruled against the pur-chase of a \$40,000 hydraulic excavator made in Japan, even though the nearest American equivalent cost \$15,000 more.

The American baseball commissioner has already issued a warning to the giant Japanese video company Nintendo about try-ing to buy the troubled Scattle Mariners, even though the team will probably have to move all the way to Florida if it is not rescued:

Newspaper columnists think nothing of writing analysis along the lines of the commentary by Carl Rowan published yesterday in the New York Post, which claimed: "I could tick off a dozen pieces of evidence that the Japanese are sinking into a 'we are the super race mania that approaches that of the 'Aryans' in Hitler's Third Reich."

A poll by the Detroit Free Press, the hometown paper for America's car industry. found that 51 per cent of car owners would only consider an American-made model when they next shopped for a car. Just four percent said they would only consider a foreignmade car.

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Yeltsin team wins approval for austerity budget

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE radical Russian government of President Yeltsin won its first real battle for survival yesterday, pushing an austerity budget for the first quarter of the year through a parliament that comprises a majority of former Communists.

Weapons spending is cut by more than 80 per cent and the budget halts many big building projects and removes most branches of industry and agriculture from state control.

The budget was presented by Yegor Gaidar, the youthful deputy prime minister and finance minister, who has impressed even his fiercest critics with his singleminded commitment to balancing a budget that last year ran up an internal deficit of 108 billion roubles (£108 billion at the artificial rate) and restraining inflation. The principle of an annual budget has been abandoned for the first phase of the economic reforms. The only concession made to the opposition yester-day was an undertaking that the next quarterly budget, due to be presented in March, would include an annual projection as well.

For the first quarter the total budget is set at 420.5 billion roubles, but envisages a likely deficit of 15 billion roubles. Spending on weap-ons procurement is to be cut by 7.5 times, with most of the savings transferred to soldiers' welfare and 13.5 billion roubles reserved for the conversion of military industries to civilian production.

A recurring theme of Mr Gaidar's address was the extent of Russian dependence on Western assistance and good will. Grain imports, he said, could be afforded only

Fugitive leader's bastion crumbles

Gamsakhurdia supporters have gone underground and anarchy threatens his western Georgian stronghold, Bruce Clark writes from Zugdidi

THIS diehard bastion of loyalty to Georgia's overthrown president was lurching vesterday into a dangerous state of anarchy as Zviad Gamsakhurdia's leading local supporters went underground and the town's residents pledged to take the struggle into their

In the town's prefecture, which was vandalised and robbed by unknown intruders during the night, disorg-anised gangs roamed sullenly about the offices from which the pro-Gamsakhurdia struggle was being co-ordinated until a few days ago. A youth who was manning one of the prefecture's main offices admitted that he did not know exactly who was leading the armed struggle against the new regime in the former Soviet republic after the injury of a local commander in

recent fighting.
The youth, a laboratory assistant in normal life, said that the prominent public figures involved in the struggle hitherto, such as Valter Shulgaya, the former dissident, and Indiko Kobalia, the regional governor, were at a secret location. A bridge linking Zugdidi with Sanaki less than 30 miles away, where the new regime's forces are encamped, was blown up last night, cutting one of Georgia's main east-west arteries.

A pro-Gamsakhurdia activist who would give his name only as Vakhtang, one of the few people exercising any authority in the prefecture, said of the explosion: "Nobody knows who did it: it appears to have been a spontaneous act." Residents said there had been a wave of burglaries as criminals took advantage of

the general chaos.
"The people are out of control. They want to attack the regime's quarters with their bare hands, but we are trying not to let them," said Vakhtang. The activist, expressing a widely held view among Mr Gamsakhurdia's supporters, said people here viewed the advance of the new regime's forces as equivalent to the march of the bolsheviks through Georgia in 1921.



"I have seen with my own eyes that the new regime hasequipment, such as field guns and brand new machine guns, which they could only have received from the Soviet army - it would be impossible to buy such equipment on the black market." he added

On the ice-covered road in

the prosperous farming country which leads to Zugdidi, dishevelled groups of men with hunting rifles stopped cars and aggressively demanded to see identity papers. Bitterness is running particularly high in Zugdidi because dozens of youths were killed or injured in the defence of the parliament in Tbilisi from which Mr Gamsakhurdia was driven out by artillery bombardment on January 6. 'Whatever settlement is

agreed by our leaders will run into objections from people who have lost sons in Tbilisi," one resident complained. The angry mood in Zugdidi suggests that it will be difficult to implement any peace terms that are hammered out between the new regime and community leaders. Outside the offices of the

former Communist party, an angry mob, of the kind that has regularly beaten up opponents of President Gamsakhurdia in other parts of Geor-gia. milled in search of someone on whom to vent their rage. Passions were further inflamed by the partial destruction by persons un-known of one of the town's main bakeries, which threatens to exacerbate the town's already acute economic

industrialised nations had agreed to defer debt repayments. When asked to increase spending on agriculture, education and science, he said that that was hardly possible because "we lost our economic sovereignty some time ago".

Contrary to usual parliamentary procedure, Mr Gaidar had an official opponent in the shape of Alexandr Pochinok, chairman of the parliamentary budget committee, who delivered a formal riposte, claiming that the figures were too optimistic. A written submission from the committee included alternative projections and described the government's budget as suffering from low-quality analysis and lacking any clear plan of action.

Despite much vocal support from deputies, the committee's arguments were reected. Between them, Mr Yeltsin, who demonstrated his support for his finance minister by making one of his rare appearances in the par-liament, and Mr Gaidar had managed to split the powerful military alliance of the armed forces and the arms manufacturers, something former President Gorbachev was never able to do.

Mr Gaidar accomplished that feat by transferring - at least on paper - much of the money to be saved from arms procurement to servicemen's pay and welfare program-mes. A survey published yes-terday in the conservative paper, Sovetskaya Rossiya. said that more than 300,000 servicemen's families were without permanent housing and the figure would rise as the withdrawal from Eastern Europe and non-Russian republics continued.

The extent of the rift between the servicemen and the military industrial complex was symbolised by a speech in support of the government by the head of the armed services financial committee, who said that it had for the first time understood the soldiers' priorities, and the presence of several exceptionally well dressed directors from the arms industry grumbling in

Some believed yesterday that conservative lobby groups had been "squared" in advance by Mr Yeltsin and Ruslan Khasbulatov, the chairman of parliament. They had permitted a jingoistic debate the previous evening on Russia's claims to the southern region of the Cri-mea (which was transferred to Ukraine by Khrushchev in 1954) and the command of the Black Sea fleet.

Observers noted that, although the debate had been fast and furious, the formal documents delegated the two issues to working groups and committees, where they could



Gaidar: committed to balancing the books

America sends in aid peacemakers

The US wants to strike a moral gesture in former Soviet cities, Mary Dejevsky and Martin Fletcher write

AMERICA'S contribution of \$61 million (£34 million) in food and medicine to be airlifted into the republics of the former Soviet Union may sound impressive, but it compares poorly with the 450 million ecus (£320 million) in food aid promised by the European Community

In fact, it is only a third of the amount already being sent by the EC in the form of emergency aid to Moscow and St Petersburg. Since, under present plans, Ameri-can aid will be distributed in more regions and more republics than the EC's, it risks being very thinly spread indeed.

The appearance of US Air Force personnel on the streets of Russian towns and cities will probably be wel-comed by all except the most orthodox of the old thinkers. There is a profound popular mistrust of all home-grown institutions, and direct distribution by foreign aid donors is welcomed by the recipients as a guarantee of incorruptibility.

If American servicemen in uniform are used to deliver the aid, this would undoubtedly be used by oldguard politicians as ammunition against the present republic and city governments, who would be accused of selling out to the former enemy. The govern-ments would probably be charged as well with having brought the former Soviet Union to the point where it needs charity, even from the other superpower's armed forces, despite this being largely a result of the ruined economy they inherited.

The food dispatched as part of the Community's emergency initiative, which may be the closest parallel to the operation planned by America, is distributed in different ways. When it arrives by sea, air or road, it is usually taken to vast ware-houses to await distribution.

Much of the emergency aid to Moscow and St Petersburg is to be sold from



Bleak times: a woman trying to swap a sweater for fish at a Moscow market. America hopes to alleviate food shortages with an airlift this weekend

the warehouses at fixed prices to shop managers, who will pass it on to the public at an agreed markup. The proceeds from the warehouse sales are being earmarked for social funds. The process is monitored at each stage.

The idea of this method is. as far as possible, to prevent goods reaching the black market or to ensure, if they

do, that a reasonable proportion of the proceeds goes to the needy. Other programmes entail deliveries by charitable organisations direct to hospitals, orphanages and schools. In Moscow, each schoolchild has received at least two large drums of powdered milk and two tins of minced beef

Even this direct method of

distribution, however, has not entirely eliminated abuses. Aid is stolen or sold (even by schoolchildren), or plundered by hospital or orphanage staff. Some of last year's aid, mostly sent from Western Europe through charities, is now appearing in commercial kiosks for sale at prices out of the reach

The ferrying-in of Ameri-

case is not to feed a starving people. Rather it is vividly to demonstrate the West's moral and political support at a moment of great hardship. At the height of the 1948-49 Berlin airlift, a relief aircraft landed every 45 sec-

Berlin airlift. The aim in this

onds in the allied zones of the city, which were surrounded by the then communist East Germany. In the present case, giant C5 and C141 military cargo planes will deliver 54 shipments of food and medicine to 12 republics over a twoweek period.

American officials are urging other countries to join in and expand the effort. But. as James Baker. the American Secretary of State, said on Thursday: "No airlift could ever come close to meeting all the needs of the people of the new independent states." The purpose of Operation Provide Hope was to show that an old Cold War adversary was now prepared to use its military to wage

peace, not war, he said. The first C5 will take off from a US Air Force base near Frankfurt on February 10. In total the planes will deliver 16 million prepackaged meals which are left over from the Gulf war. some of it nearing the end of its shelf life. The food, mostly stored in Europe, was originally paid for by international contributions to the war effort.

The medical supplies will include a million doses of a general-purpose antibiotic and the equivalent of five C5 planeloads of bandages, syringes, catheters and other material. These will also be drawn from unused Desert Storm stocks, although the Pentagon will send another 58 sea-container loads of surplus medical suppplies now stored in California. The bill for use of the planes is put at between \$3 million and \$5 million.

The deliveries will be received and distributed by teams of Americans from the Pentagon and other US agencies. The size of the teams and of their military component is not yet known, but it will be the first time that American soldiers have operated within the Soviet Union in this way.

Lost in space, page

Factories reel from gas cuts

FROM PATRICIA KOZA IN WARSAW

POLISH industry has begun shutting down production lines in the wake of Russia's unexpected cutback of natural gas deliveries. Adam Glapinski, the foreign trade minister, is expected to go to Moscow in the next few days to try to find a solution, a ministry spokesman said

signed a contract with Poland to deliver 6.9 billion cubic metres of gas in 1992 in exchange for Polish food and machinery. Barely a week later. Moscow turned down the tap on the "friendship pipeline", built by the Poles during the communist era.

Poland is now getting 14 million cubic metres of gas a day instead of the 22 million agreed. It needs 35 million a day, with the balance sup-plied from Polish. Belorussian and Ukrainian reserves. There is no pipeline to the West and its shipvards are unable to take delivery of containerised gas.

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Disco-dancer takes sensible steps

AS EUROPE plodded towards its date with destiny at the Maastricht summit last autumn, its politicians were worried by the odd, aberrant behaviour of one of their number. Gianni De Michelis

turned sensible. This time last year, the disco-dancing Italian foreign minister was busy with an exciting, but completely daft. plan for a grand security system in the Mediterranean a region that Signor De Michelis cheerfully redefined as stretching from Mauritania to Afghanistan.

But in the spring he had switched to hatching discreet and sensible plans about European defence with Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary. Nobody could quite figure out why Europe's liveliest foreign minister was so desperately seeking respectability. The answer is now out in the open: Signor De Michelis wants to succeed Jacques

Gianni De Michelis, Europe's liveliest foreign minister, yearns to take over the Commission. But George Brock thinks Brussels needs a steadier influence

Delors as president of the ter's deal over the social European Commission.

A year ago, the idea would have provoked uncontrollable giggles in the chanceries of Europe. Now the possibility is being taken half-

At the Lisbon summit this summer. M Delors will probably be reappointed for a two-year term. Helmut Kohi. the German chancellor. would like him to stay in charge of the EC's bureaucracy: what Herr Kohl wants nowadays, Herr Kohl mostly gets. Britain will not object. Herr Kohl extracted some

concessions from John Major when promising German

support for the prime minis-

chapter at Maastricht. Britain has piped down about German bullying on Yugoslavia. And as soon as the summit was over, London began hinting that another Brussels term for M Delors might be all right after all.

Until the Maastricht summit in December, the front runner to succeed M Delors was Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister for the past decade. The European variant of Buggins' turn decrees that a socialist president from a big country should be followed by a right-of-centre candidate from a small state. Mr Lubbers, a Christian Democrat, fits the

bill and wants the job. But the Dutch leader upset the federalists at Maastricht by being altogether much too sympathetic to his friend, Mr Major.

Now the French and Italian knives are out for Mr Lubbers: Paris and Rome are prompting fresh candidacies. Signor De Michelis, of course. requires little prompting to suggest himself for anything. As a reporter, with a vested interest in chaos and colour, I yearn for Signor de Michelis to win. As a European, I rather hope that Mr Lubbers makes it

• Rome: Italy yesterday granted an 80 billion lire (£37 million) line of credit for Albania and abolished all import quotas, except textiles, underscoring Rome's deepening commitment to its for-mer Balkan colony. (Reuter)

Clifford Longley

Apologies are due to the Irish, but from whom?

An nations ever allow themselves to say sorry? With the 20th anniversary of Bloody Sunday in Londonderry being commemorated this weekend, the English, Scots and Welsh may wonder if there is any end to being blamed by the Irish. Will the massacre of 14 unarmed Irishmen by British soldiers on January 30, 1972 be as bitterly commemorated a century hence?

The Irish, on the other hand, may wonder how the other three tribes that occupy the British Isles can be so insensitive as to ask such questions Particularly as they have not yet apologised.

But a collective apology implies collective guilt even inherited collective guilt (as many of the crimes by or against the Irish go back generations). Collective guilt is a difficult notion. A teacher in Sideup cannot be blamed for the actions of a paratrooper in the Bogside; nor can individuals be held personally accountable for the sins of their ancestors. The Christian doctine of original sin refers to an inherited disposition or tendency towards wrong-doing — concupiscence — not to actual culpability being passed down

ne is culpable of one's own sins, nobody else's. If there is a moral indictment of the British for their treatment of the Irish, it must relate to actual wrongs, and to those responsible for them. The British cannot be expected to apologise for the crimes of their grandparents. But if ancestral guilt is out, there must nevertheless be such a thing as the transmission of sinful attitudes down the generations, by means such as an oral tradition of prejudice. This way a new generation appropri ates to itself the sins of the old. The sin is in the transmitter, when the member of the older generation imparts to the young some prejudice which is unfounded. The sin is also in the receiver, for the acceptance of such a lie requires the overriding of an intuition for truth and decency. It just is not possible to believe "in all innocence" that all Jews. say, are intrinsically mean, that all the Irish are genetically drunken or lazy, or that all the British are by definition arrogant cold builies. Racism is the sin of untrue generalisation, the poison of which enters the soul with the hatred contained in the lie.

As between any bully and victim, there is a malign symbiosis between the British and the Irish, and the sad 800 years of their mutually wounding history will not be healed while it lasts. Bloody Sunday in Derry is a classic instance of it. The army decision that day to fire on an unruly crowd of civil rights demonstrators was criticised (though not in language strong enough to amount to clear condemnation) by Lord Widgery, the English Lord Chief Justice, in his subsequent report. What he did not examine and repudiate, for he was neither historian nor psychologist nor neutral, was the prior attitude of mind of British soldiers, which made it conceivable for them to open fire on a crowd of civilians. It is not the same mental state which makes IRA gunmen want to kill British soldiers - the IRA are moved now by the desire for vengeance, the British then by unspoken contempt — but one attitude mirrors and provokes the other.

oth attitudes were handed down from earlier generations. Bloody Sunday was the best recruiting ground the IRA ever had. British moral indifference towards the Irish (even in the matter of issuing the troops with live bullets) prepared the way, and Irish resentment will be nursed for a century. But it was also just what the Irish were expecting to happen. They remember the Black and Tans. Thus was the symmetry of British and Irish mutual hostility

The effect of a true apology in personal affairs, if sincere and if accepted, is to break the cycle of reciprocation and refuelling of ill-will which is otherwise endless. In religion, repentance marks the moment when beginning again becomes possible, when the slate is wiped clean. The cycle of revenge is naturally endless, and forgiveness or repentance is the exceptional course.

Saying sorry is a singular act of grace, which triggers the grace needed to accept it on the other side. If there can be a gratuitous cancellation of accumulated moral debt between the British and the Irish, then Bloody Sunday, if not this year then in some future year, would serve as the right symbolic focus. It deserves an offer of apology. The moral ins-and-outs of some incidents in the British-Irish relationship can be debated for ever, but Bloody Sunday put the British unambigu-

Political drama may bristle and fume but it can provoke real argument, says Benedict Nightingale

he Leeds press accused the play of pandering to Saddam Hussein. Marcus Fox, MP for Shipley, denounced its distortions. Exservicemén held a demonstration outside the West Yorkshire Playhouse, where it opened this week. Its author went on television to condemn Desert Storm as an act of savagery inflicted on the Third World by the developed world.

Trevor Griffiths's The Gulf Between Us was bound to seem anti-climactic after such ado. The most contentious moment in a cluttered piece comes after the bombing of a shelter. "What have we done to you that you would kill children?" demands a doctor, plonkingly adding that America was "forged and bred in brutal genocide" and that 20 per cent of the world's population consumes 80 per cent of its bounty. But at least the play shows that "political" drama, of late an increasingly clusive species, is not extinct.

Most of us are understandably suspicious of political drama. It need not be an excuse for ideologues to harangue us with specious opinions or, as in The Gulf Between Us. hit us with

All the world's a soapbox

gratuitous statistics, but too often it has been. The characters need not be caricatures lumpily emitting dialogue from the dough factory, but often they have been just that. No wonder political drama got a bad name when the likes of Nikolai Pogodin's Aristocrats was acclaimed as a serious contribution to socialist thought. Those "aristocrats", believe it

or not, were prisoners excavat-

ing the White Sea Canal. Led by a commandant who combines the skills of a scoutmaster, a therapist, and a play-group leader, "sabotaging engineers" are soon admitting their guilt like converts at a Salvation Army rally and becoming fanatics for progress. Hard cases end up hurrahing, weeping with manly happiness and even toss-ing a Chekist in a blanket, while he draws the inevitable moral: The forces that have drawn these people into socialist work are operating with unheard-of daring, with true Bolshevik ausbroad scale Comrade Stalin has taught us."

Actually, many thousands perish-ed as they dug the comrade's aqueous folly. Yet Aristocrats was a success not only in the Soviet Union: our own Unity Theatre chose it to open its new London play-

house in 1937, explaining that the new Russia's "reconstruction of human beings stands in significant contrast to our own wretched prison systems". Dra-ma had become deception, and some must have been conned. That is an extreme case, but

the danger is obvious and not always avoided now. Ideology dictates observation, instead of observation determining ideology. For an example nearer home, consider Edward Bond's recent Jackets. An army padre



politics alive on stage

as "vermin and scum", and an provocateur whose death will allow mass internment. The squaddie repents of his class treachery, asks a more authentically proletarian comrade to shoot him.

and, denied this favour, pots himself. The moral divide between Them and Us is comfort-ingly absolute. Seeing the play is like watching someone measure the universe with a ruler. The best political drama does not distort or simplify reality in order to reinforce preconception. It puts theory to the test of experience. It aims to open rather than close minds. It prefers posing questions to answering them. It is unafraid of

mocks his flock may annoy, but it welcomes an argument.

Sophocies's Antigone, which weighs the individual's obligations to the collective, is the first great political play. Julius Cae-sar and Coriolanus also belong to that rough category. In our century, Sean O'Casey wrote plays so politically honest that he had to leave Ireland. More recently, Tom Stoppard has written stimulatingly from a right-of-centre stance and David Hare, David Edgar and Caryl Churchill from a leftist one. Hare's Plenty and Churchill's Top Girls are among the most incisive works of our time, as is Trevor Griffiths's study of the politics of laughter, Comedians. There is even a place, if a less

elevated one, for the drama of protest, for openly subjective plays which bristle and fume and insist that we share their impatience. This is a category that includes America Hurrah! - a nation reduced to two contradiction and complexity. It grinning puppets wrecking a

motel - and other work of the Vietnam era. Too often such plays have dwindled imo dockwork "consciousness-raising". speechifying to the already converted, but they can imaginatively fizz across the footlights, as hard to ignore as Shakespeare's Antony in full, demagogic flow.

The trouble with Griffiths's Gulf Between Ourselves is that it is neither one thing nor the other, neither intellectually provocative nor the outrageous affront that its critics claim. But in this it is typical of the times. The reasons are unclear. Some have even claimed that one of Mrs Thatcher's achievements was to reduce our more subversive dramatists to confused silence, as a cobra might hypnotise rabbits. At any rate, there have been fewer lively political plays in the past six years than there were in the previous six, and far fewer than in the Sixties and Seventies.

Even those who dislike being corralled by the socially conscious must admit this is a pity. Drama is, after all, a public medium, made for public subjects. Playwrights, of all artists, should be adding to the political debate. The truly exciting Gulf war play has yet to be written.

The battle of the superhulks

Tomorrow's Super Bowl clash will transfix America. Martin Fletcher thinks the game will spread far

uring which single sporting event are adpay \$1.7 million a minute, or \$28,333 (£15,700) a second, for the most expensive commercial airtime in television history? A clue. It is the event for which, if last-minute plans work out, astronauts aboard the Discovery space shuttle will tomorrow night toss a coin 186 miles above the earth to decide which team kicks off.

It is the event which for four solid hours will transfix 120 million Americans (half the country); which will inspire them to consume more food and alcohol than on any other day save Christmas and Thanksgiving; which will virtually empty highways, will cause a drop in national crime rates, and rivet attention everywhere from soup kitchens to the White House.

It is, of course, the Super Bowl - the American extravaganza to end all extravaganzas - which is to be fought out in the giant Minneapolis Metrodome by the Washington Redskins and the Buffalo Bills.

Already Minneapolis's private airports are stiff with the corporate jets of VIP America, which has come to provide its clients with the ultimate in business entertainment (the chartered 747, incidentally, belongs to Jack Kent Cooke, the Redskins' 79-year-old billionaire owner, who has flown 400 guests up for a long weekend of revelry).

In the can are the brand new TV commercials for the latest product lines, unveilings of which have become an integral part of Super Bowl night. One company, Master Lock, customarily blows its entire promotional budget on a single Super Bowl slot, but this year's talk is all of Nike's new ad, featuring Michael Jordan, a basketball star,

and Bugs Bunny. Ready and waiting are a fleet of snowploughs to ensure that a sudden snowstorm cannot prevent the 63,000-strong crowd from entering or leaving the Metrodome, and "warming" tents midway between the car parks and the stadium. Minneapolis is so cold in winter that enclosed pedestrian skywalks link all its city centre buildings. Attracting the Super Bowl was a \$100 million coup that the city would like to repeat.

And in Washington, where every game since 1966 has been sold-out, \$150 tickets for tomorrow's game are now being hawked for up to \$1,200 apiece. They say only two things unite this murderous, drug-ridden city: the Redskins and its Metro system. This year, with America mired in recession and anger against the president, only the Redskins are uniting the capital with its country.

The Stars and Stripes does not really bring this disparate nation together. Nor does the singing of "America the Beautiful". But bone-crunching, brutal and crassly commercialised football, in all its glorious extremes, does. It has conquered America. Can it now conquer the world?

n 1874, a team from Mon-

treal's McGill University. wanting to play the English game of rugby, visited Harvard, which was at that time playing a derivative of soccer. They ended up playing one game with an oval ball, one with a round ball. Harvard so liked the idea of running and tackling as well as kicking that it melded the two sports into primitive American football.

The game did not exactly take off. It was nearly banned in



Jim Kelly, Buffalo Bills' quarterback: is he playing American football or human Nintendo?

killed in a single season. The first professional association was not formed until 1920, and football did not begin to compete seriously with baseball until after the second world war. The first Super Bowl, between the Green Bay Packers and Kansas City Chiefs, was not held until 1967, and the stadium was barely two-thirds full.

But since then football has exploded. Super Bowls now account for eight of the top 15 shows in the history of American television, and tomorrow's game wili command a worldwide audience of 750 million in 60

That is still short of the 1.6 billion who watched soccer's 1990 World Cup final, but American football is fast gain-

ing ground. The British empire bequeathed cricket to the world. In the same way, the legacy of America's fading hegemony may conceivably be football, a game for the new world order.

it is not a participants' sport. It has nothing to do with standing on the terraces on Saturday afternoons and rooting for the local lads. It is a late-20th-century sport made by and

for television, one recent innovation being a camera in the quarterback's helmet which shows gargantuan opponents bearing down until suddenly the

world turns upside down. American football is human Nintendo. It is a technical game of downs and blocks and yardage gained. It is about the suppression of individuality. It is performed on a grid of artificial green by superhuman ciphers who perform their allotted tasks with robotic precision and shrug off mortal blows. There are some spectators who actually take portable televisions along to games, and who can blame them? Without the distancing of the small screen one might notice that the violence is real.

layers suffer, and suffer badly. The 45-strong Redskins squad travels with a medical team of surgeon and a demist. One 1989 study showed that 66 per cent of National Football League players who have retired since 1970 did so with some form of debilitating injury. Every player I represent is injured to some extent in every game," Leigh Steinberg, an agent i 70 players, was recently quoted

as saying.
On November 24 this year, Jeff Hostetler, the New York Giants' quarterback, suffered three fractured vertebrae but escaped permanent injury. The previous Sunday, playing the Los Angeles Rams, Mike Utley of the Detroit Lions landed on his head and is now permanently paralysed from the chest

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But like everything else in American football, it all comes down to money. The average player this season will earn \$430,000. The Redskins are all on schemes that offer financial incentives for every pass caught, tackle made or yard rushed, and so they drive themselves on. If they win the Super Bowl tomorrow, they will be looking next season for \$1 million confracts.



...and moreover Philip Howard

Punctuality is the polite-ness of princes, they say. Actually it was Louis XVIII who said it first. And what he said was: "L'exactitude est la politesse des rois." But it is good business for the rest of us too. though difficult to achieve these days, with the congestion of the roads and the underfunding and demoralisation of public transport. Royals still usually manage to be punctual to the second, because of the tightness of their schedules, the demands of security, and the bad royal relations that result from keeping the public waiting in the cold. They also have police cars to prepare the way of her majesty, and make her paths straight.

Punctuality is still generally acknowledged as a virtue. But other forms of politeness are changing. Manners make a man, though I have known a Wykehamist or three who were pretty unmannerly. But men make the manners too. And manners are constantly changing. I met an Oxford tutor the other day who was complaining that her pupils did not reply to her invitations. Perhaps the abbreviation RSVP is no longer widely recognised. And, when you think about it, it is un peu pretentious. In our matey age, we need a new request for a reply. For students, some abbrev indicating "Please reply or the food and drink will run out" should do the trick.

The new generation spends far less time fussing about the punctilios of politeness than any previous generation since Hen-

gist. They are right to have decided that it is not worth wasting time agonising about what is the correct kind of collar to wear with a black tie, or how to address a bishop. Most bishops these days seem to want to be addressed as Jim. But the old ctiquette of good form, though absurd when carried to a candy deal of courtesy by Osric, did at least establish rules that one could look up if necessary. There were highly entertaining guides to form, telling one when to curtsy and what to do when introduced to a duchess. In our new unstarchy world, when everyone is on kissing terms with everyone else, there are no guidelines.

So employees who have to deal with the public are sent away to charm schools to teach them elementary etiquette. The trouble is that charm schools are run by human resources specialists and public relations experts who have no idea of good manners anyway. So tele-phone operators in big companies tend to answer the phone by saying: "Good morning. Pen-sion Fund Relocation International. Thank you for calling." I reply: "Thank you for answering." Which makes them laugh, especially if I have been waiting for an answer for 20 rings. But "Thank you for calling" is a naff and effusive way of answering the phone. It is deemed to be chummy and warm, but must be infuriating to someone who has

rung up to complain about the loss of his pension. Another aspect of modern

manners is the growing use of "brilliant" (often shortened by the young to "brill" or "brilly") as a general purpose response. I do it myself, and it is hyperbolic and over-effusive. Recently I asked a simple question over the telephone in a way that merited no more than a simple "Thank you". The reply was: "Brilliant". This seemed wholly inappro-priate. It is destroying the word for the rare consistent when you for the rare occasions when we need it. Our lack of commonly accepted etiquette and our tertor of being thought stuffy drives out the plain old courtesies and introduces extravagances and absurdities. The same process is driving out the old formal farewell of

"goodbye", which is felt to be too cold. The thing to say these days when parting from some-body, even if you have only just met the person for the first time. and have no prospect of ever meeting again, is "Have a nice day". Crusty old gents are sometimes provoked to reply: "What business is it of yours? And that is a sloppy use of the adjective inice." The expression is mandatory for those who serve at a counter in shops and offices. They have been sent to the same human resources charm school as the telephone operators. Top students from the charm school add the suffix: "Missing you already", and they say "Cheers" to mean anything from goodbye to thank-you. The modern wish for informality and friendliness is a virtue. The commercial exploitation of it produces offensive absurdity.

Doublet trouble

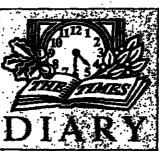
THERE will never be another costume drama like it. The BBC, in surely the most unusual January sale of them all. cleared out its wardrobes yesterday.

As a result, more than 2,000 costumes, worn by the likes of Sir John Gielgud, John Cleese, Susan Hampshire and Russ Abbott, were dispersed from a giant warehouse in Acton. Every turn past the glittering rails evoked a memory. Dalek costumes from one of their epic encounters with Dr Who were among the most popular, as were those from the attack on the Tardis by the Cybermen. They jostled with the yellow blazers trimmed with blue worn in Hi-di-Hi! and velvet dresses and ruffled shirts from The Onedin Line and Pride and Prejudice. The lot including the dress worn by Glenda Jackson in Elizabeth R. went for £1,600.

With a thousand people milling around her, Judith Pleasance, the auction cataloguer, said: "A lot of people are here who have never been to an auction before. People get very sentimental about old TV programmes and the BBC in particular, hence the huge response."

Many people were bidding for the outlits because they were once worn by their favourite stars. Others went for more practical purposes. Jeremy Lemon, an English master at Harrow school, came to buy costumes for future Shakespeare productions. He spent £1,500 on a selection of 100 costumes, including the black doublet worn by Maggie Smith as Portia in the BBC's production of Mer-chant of Venice. He said: "It's so much cheaper than making our own costumes. We intend to put on As You Like It this year. These

will be perfect."



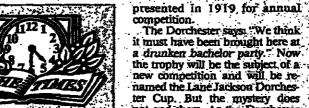
Not everyone was so well organised. Katie Lloyd from Kennington, South London, put her hand up at the wrong time. and bought nearly 100 guide and Mock Turde suit," she said. "But I shall send some to my brother's children in Kenya. I'm not going back into the auction room again, it would be too dangerous."

• Among his carefully preserved correspondence, John Sparrow. who died yesterday, had a letter from the government of Pakistan shortly after partition, asking him, as a distinguished member of the bar, to help to draft a constitution for the new state, The honour cannot have been lost upon him, but he had written across the bottom: "Declined, too busy."

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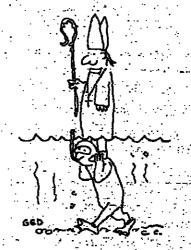
A £7,000 silver trophy has been returned to Stoke Poges golf club after collecting dust in a cupboard at the Dorchester Hotel for 60 years. The cupboard was stumbled upon by a security guard during refurbishment work at the hotel.

The rosebowl disappeared from the club's trophy chest in 1928. When the hotel telephoned the club, officials consulted their records, which showed it had been



ter Cup. But the mystery does not end there. As the Dorchester wasn't built until 1931, where was the cup in the intervening A word from him

THE congregation of Gloucester Cathedral is expecting great things from its new bishop. The sermon in Gloucester on the Feast of the Ascension by Peter Ball, the outgoing Bishop of Lewes, is still being talked about 30 years after he made it.



The bishop, who is a member of the Community of the Glorious Ascension, was invited to the cathedral to preach to several hundred. children. Halfway through his homily he suddenly ducked down into the depths of the pulpit To the astonishment of the children.

presented in 1919 for annual he instantly reappeared in the organ loft some 15 feet above. Was it a miracle? Was it another ascension? No. It was Ball's identical twin brother, William, who is

now the Bishop of Truro.
Ball says: "Now I am geographically closer to my brother, who knows what may happen. All those ten-year-olds are now 40. They will expect a repeat performance from us when I am enthroned on April 4th." Or perhaps the real thing.

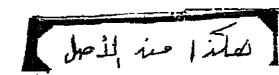
Dramatic turnround?

HOWARD BARKER, the radical playwright, is one of the last people you would expect to try to bolster John Major's image as a world statesman. But Barker is working on an opera which is likely to leature in the European Arts Festival to celebrate Britain's presidency of

the EC, which begins in July.
The festival, which is Major's idea, is being organised by John Drummond, the outgoing controller of Radio 3. Barker is joining forces with the English National Opera and the Almeida Theatre. Islington, to combine experimental opera with theatre. Barker will provide the libretto, his first, for Terrible Mouth, based on the life

Peter Jonas, the general director of the ENO, is holding talks with Drummond about staging the opera in the ff6 million festival. which will last the six months of the presidency. The ENO is optimistic about the outcome of the

Barker, whose production of The Last Supper at the Royal Court in 1988 managed to offend vegetarians and Christians by combining cannibalism with blasphemy, is keeping his fingers crossed that if the opera is per-formed in the festival Neil Kinnock, not John Major, will be occupying the president's chair.





AFRICA AFTER APARTHEID

With yesterday's opening of the last apart-heid parliament in Cape Town, power is sliding inexorably from South Africa's current rulers. But sliding where? And to what end? Africa's new realism can at least permit plain speaking. South Africa for the past quarter century has been by far the most stable political economy south of the Sahara, the most stable and the most prosperous. Migration, ultimate tell-tale of prosperity, has been from the black frontline states into South Africa. To be sure, stability was rooted in an immoral and ruthless dogma that eventually entailed its own downfail. But stable it has been, even as it struggles to reform.

That stability now rests not on the military imposition of a dogma but on hope of national political redemption. President de Klerk and the "opposition" leader, Nelson Mandela, must find a constitution that achieves that redemption without jeopardising stability. Nothing in Africa has proved so catastrophic as political insecurity. That a white-ruled, black-majority state should be passing from racist oligarchy to genuine reform with so little civil upheaval is remarkable. So far so good.

Mr de Klerk has implied that all racial groups in South Africa would be assured a place under the new constitutional sun. As preliminary negotiations have shown, this is easier said than done. Even his proposed referendum is afflicted by the apartheid disease, with vague assurances being given that white voters can veto any constitutional plan. Such a veto ignores the momentum of democracy in his country, and may yet prove a mere tactic in the evolution of the negotiations. He must still guard his rear,

though this seems a risky hostage to fortune. In the interim, Mr de Klerk is likely to declare a multiracial government of sorts, coopting non-white leaders into appropriate ministries. This will bring black participation into public administration, building up experience and giving patronage to new elites. Only fools pretend that the ANC can take over government at once - and such fools do not include most black leaders.

A shift of power is already occurring. Nationalist ministers are consulting the ANC on most policies, including economic development and social services. One early casualty is the economic liberalism of the 1980s. Privatisation has been shelved. Public spending is soaring. The white Nationalist party is discovering similar socialist roots to its black counterparts. The unspoken white hope is that interim cooption might postpone the moment of truth, perhaps for many years.

But the moment of truth must come. Even Africa's governments need legitimacy. South Africa must either be a unitary black-ruled state, leading almost certainly to regional instability and secession, or it must install constitutional protection for the diversity of ethnic groups within its borders. Since attempts to entrench group rights within a unitary constitution tend to end in tears, entrenchment can only relate to geographical, not ethnic, subdivisions of states.

South Africa is fortunate in that its provinces have a vigorous sense of identity, from the Western Cape through the Orange Free State to Natal. Non-white voters are in a majority in all provinces, and in any conceivable subdivision. Hence the absurdity of the notion of a white homeland. The ethnic diversity of South Africa should be reflected in a constitution severely decentralised to provinces, in which a distinct political activity could develop.

This would need an exercise of selfabnegation quite alien to South African nationalists, black or white. South Africa's whites must lose their unique privileges. But they would retain their human and political rights better by insisting on a constitution that reduces Pretoria to relative impotence. Such a constitution is still far from being agreed, but it will be a fascinating final test of white power in a nation that has so much to offer the rest of Africa.

LAY THE GHOST

Hard though John Major and his colleagues try to exorcise it, the ghost of Margaret Thatcher's poll tax refuses to desert their feast. Since last autumn, ministers had begun to feel that the spectre's clammy hand was lifting at last. Abolition was in train, public protest had subsided, and most people were paying. Public protest all but ceased, following Norman Lamont's £140 a head subvention in his last Budget. Nineteen poll tax payers in twenty had coughed up what they owed for 1990-1. More nervous Tory MPs worned that the third of bills on mais might reopen the issue in the spring. But the tax dropped down the political agenda. According to Mon, poil tax and local government were reckoned an important issue by only one voter in ten by December.

Repeated private pleas by Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, for a new subvention to let the poorest non-payers off the tax next year, therefore, fell on deaf cabinet ears. Rumours of another handout to keep bills down in April were firmly denied. Recent court decisions have thrown these calculations in doubt. Magistrates in Bury St Edmunds dismissed proceedings against alleged poil-tax defaulters on the ground that they were based on computer records. Because these records had been typed in by clerks, they were said to represent hearsay evidence, ineligible under the justices' rules. This may seem a bizarre reading of the law, and a majority of magistrates in other courts have rejected such pleas. But, pending a higher court ruling, uncertainty persists. Councils fear that, if they pursue debtors in these circumstances, they might be judged to be acting unlawfully.

Poll-tax collection, as a survey in The Times this week demonstrated, has been going rather better than expected this year. These rulings could jeopardise this progress, an uncomfortable prospect so near to polling day. Ministers have reacted with dispatch. Next week they are expected to announce a commencement order under the Civil Evi-

dence Act 1968 that will end all doubt over the eligibility of computer evidence. In addition the time limit for the collection of unpaid poll tax is to be extended from two years to six, so no one will escape tax through drawn-out court proceedings. Mirabile dictu, the Labour party has been equally straightforward. Bryan Gould yesterday put Labour behind the government in condemning non-payment. The two parties thus stand united behind the principle that taxes legislated by Parliament must be paid.

There can be no compromise on this issue as far as this year is concerned. Next year, 1992-3, matters are not so clear. This will be the last year of the poll tax. Some will genuinely claim that they thought it had been abolished already. More will disingennously behave as if they thought so. There will also be outrage at the inclusion of large separately itemised sums for extra poll tax due to non-payment in the present year. Citizens of the London Borough of Lambeth who have obeyed the law so far will find, on some estimates, that they have to pay an extra £150 each as a result of the unwillingness of less scrupulous citizens.

To smooth matters over, the government would be wise to reconsider Mr Heseltine's proposal to let the poorest non-payers off next year. The environment secretary argued that four non-payers in five come from the poorest in the population. They are forced to find 20 per cent of their poll-tax liability from their own pockets. He proposed that they in effect be forgiven the tax in its last year, by a further subvention from the Treasury.

The latter is understandably reluctant. It claims that benefits to the poor have been increased to enable them to pay this 20 per cent themselves. Strictly, the Treasury is right. In practice, Mr Heseltine's proposal has much to commend it. For the government, it has the extra advantage of taking the heat out of an inflammatory issue just before an election. Even at this late hour they should embrace it.

LET BEETLES BOOM

No beetle is an island. Any beetle's death diminishes everyone, because it is ubiquitously involved in mankind in its most necessary activities. This week's Social Trends survey reveals that 142 different species of native British beetle are at risk of extinction. Beetles are generally neither as fluffy as the red squirrel nor as one as the dormouse. None the less, is this the end of civilisation as we know it?

There are an awful lot of beetles in Britain. They are the dustmen and necessary small businessmen of the planet. Most feed upon other animals or plants, some eat decaying matter, to put it nicely. They constitute a quarter of all known organisms, a definition that includes daffodils as well as elephants. In the wide world there are about 400,000 described species of beetle, and up to eight million species that nobody has yet got around to describing. They include the largest and smallest of buzzers in the order of insects. They were clever enough to invent a kind of cricket-pad to wear upon their forewings. In the United Kingdom something like 4,000 species have been described so far, and there are plenty more waiting for description by unsqueamish postgraduates.

Little old beerles have done worthy work for English letters. The verb to beetle, meaning something between to jut over and to threaten, was coined by Shakespeare in Lear for the cliff that beetles o'er its base into the sea. This was formed from the epithet beetle-browed, meaning having shaggy eye. brows like Denis Healey's. Nobody knows what this comes from, but the best bet is that it refers to the tufted antennae, which, insome beetles, stand straight out from the head, and are not much fun to meet, for the nervous. Beetles have done their bit, from Gray's Elegy, where they wheel their droning flight, to the Dream, where they are invoked to approach not near, and quite right, too.

Since there are so vastly more species of beetle than any other organism, the Darwinian view is that the disappearance of a mere 142 species can be tolerated with equanimity. Let other beetle species fill the gap in the market-place. There are aesthetic, economic. and moral arguments against this line.

The heritage argument is that the places where beetles are vanishing are irreplaceable ancient woodlands, native fenlands, and coastal sites slummed over by seaside holidays. If such habitats are lost, they can never be replaced. The economic argument is that because there are so many of them. and because they are so easily traceable. beetles are the best indicators of what is happening to the ecology. They are the keystone order. Nobody knows what useful chemicals may be there in undescribed beetle species. Take out chomping and busy beetles, and a whole ecosystem may collarse.

In June in Rio de Janeiro there is to be a United Nations conference on bio-diversity, which will establish conventions for saving the vanishing species of the planet. It will come down on the side of beetles. They may be prolific and buzzy, but they are useful. The moral argument is that the poor beetle that we tread upon, in corporal sufferance finds a pang as great as when the giant dies. Beetles are more useful than giants. Tread softly, for you tread on our beetles.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Communication Corporation shares

or to fund a large list of political party spending programmes. In both cases this in their

It would be interesting to know to

what extent such diversions have

occurred in National Insurance pay-

Sir. The significance of the proposed

Labour plan to introduce a 9 per cent

surcharge (letters, January 15) on

investment income in excess of

£3,000 p.a. depends on the age chosen for individuals to be classed

Only recently has the whole ques-

tion of company pensions been

brought into the limelight with the

revelations into the plundering of the Mirror Group and Maxwell Com-

munication Corporation's pension

funds. The issue is in fact much

Only for benefits accruing after

1987 did the government bring in

belated legislation for some form of

indexation against inflation. For benefits accruing before that date the

choice has been a deferred/frozen

benefit or the related ludicrously low

With the record number of redun-

dancies since 1979, pension sur-pluses have enabled companies to

take pension holidays on a massive scale or provide for enormous pay-

ments for retiring/deposed main

The difficulty of many individuals now in the 55 to 65 age group to

accrue any worthwhile pension as a

result of redundancy over the last 12

years should be seriously considered

by the Labour party before any

decision is reached on the pension-

his second visit to the Alhambra

scene. On that earlier dramatic

night, he had been working along-

side 200 MFB firemen and their

steam pumps amid the swirling

smoke and drifting sparks, having

soon as reinforcements were first

The Times's correspondent, Jack

While, later recorded that as dawn

was breaking over Leicester Square

on the fatal night the spread of fire

had at last been finally checked. The

Prince of Wales came up to Captain

Eyre Massey Shaw, chief officer of

the MFB at the control point: "I

think we've earned a cigar." he said.

and produced a large cigar case.

The Ryelands, 70 High Street,

Albrighton, Wolverhampton.

ments in the last 20 years.

63 Kingston House North, Princes Gate, SW7.

From Mr C. W. Crawford

Yours sincerely.
RODERICK HALL

January 17.

as pensioners.

transfer value.

board directors.

able age.

Yours faithfully.

January 15.

called for.

Yours faithfully,

NEIL WALLINGTON,

Ebford, Exeter, Devon.

Foxfield House, Ebford Lane,

C. W. CRAWFORD.

Concern over Labour's tax and spending programme

From Mr Keith Marsden

Sir, The Institute of Fiscal Studies claims that there will be more winners than losers under Labour's tax and spending plans (report, January 18). This might be the im-mediate effect. But voters should also be concerned about the impact of redistributive policies on their incomes in the medium and long term.

It is instructive to compare the performance of the UK and its five main competitors under different tax regimes. During the 1970s, the UK's top marginal tax rate of 83 per cent, applied to incomes as low as £30,000, was more punitive than any of its rivals. The UK found itself at the bottom of the table on income growth during this period.

Mrs Thatcher more than halved the top tax rate to 40 per cent. According to statistics published by the World Bank the UK ranked first or second in the growth of GDP, private consumption and manufacturing earnings per employee during the 1980s. Only the UK and the US, which also reduced its marginal tax rate radically, achieved more rapid growth in the 1980s than in the 1970s, despite the more difficult global environment. Japan, Germany, France and Italy did not reform their tax regimes significantly. All experienced a deterioration in overall performance.

Political preoccupation with the current global recession should not obscure these long-term relation-ships. Of course, non-fiscal policies also play a part. However, voters should not be misled into thinking that they can get something for nothing by "soaking the rich".

Entrepreneurs, managers, engineers, doctors and other professionals form the bulk of the top 9 per cent of income earners who would lose from Labour's initial tax increases, according to the Institute of Fiscal Studies. Their energies. innovations, and managerial and technical skills contribute greatly to the wellbeing of the average Briton.

Pensioners and lower-income workers have a self-interest to ensure, through the ballot box, that an increased tax burden on these professionals does not accelerate the brain drain from the UK in an

Prince who loved fires From Mr Neil Wallington

Sir, The interesting reference by Alan Hamilton ("Story of two nations", January 18) to the role of the an amateur firefighter with London's Metropolitan Fire Brigade recalls one of the Prince's little-documented pastimes.

For over a decade or so there was an apparent press code of silence over Prince Edward's fairly regular and close-quarters involvement at those major London fires which he was able to attend. On these occasions, he would be properly rigged in an MFB uniform but with a special silver helmet, all of which was kept ready at Chandos Street fire station near Charing Cross.

One particularly large London

'A Time to Dance' From Mr Stanley Guy

Sir, Mr Norman McCandlish defends (letter, January 20) the inclusion of a rape scene in his television production of A Time to Dance. 1 have not seen the first two episodes and will not see the last, but I was prompted to revisit the book upon which the serial is based, which I first read last year, when Mr McCandlish said: "I hope that the importance of this disturbing scene will be under-stood by the audience within the context of the whole work".

My second reading still shows there is only a very short part (on pages 79 and 80 in the paperback) where Bernadette describes the rape and there is barely a mention of it in

Book Aid initiative

From the Chairman and Director

Sir, The Book Aid initiative (The

Times, January 17) is an excellent

short-term response to the problem

of providing the peoples of Russia

and the neighbouring republics with

a choice of reading material un-

Matthew d'Ancona mentions (arti-

de, January 20) local efforts in

Today it blows through Eastern

One way for the West to help is to

provide the resources to finance the,

long-term capacity to produce books.

A mere fraction of the massive aid

funds, rightly provided to meet

immediate humanitarian and infra-

may be sent to a fax number

(071) 782 5046.

Europe and beyond.

tainted by state propaganda.

uing hunger can be satisfied.

scheme.

of the Harold Macmillan Trust

10 Belsize Road, NW6. structural needs, invested thus, would pay immeasurable dividends. The newly won freedom to exchange ideas and knowledge might then

Yours faithfully, JOHN SHEPHERD, Chairman, JAMES HOUSTON. Director. The Harold Macmillan Trust, 107-109 Temple Chambers, Temple Avenue, EC4. January 21.

have a real chance to flourish.

Eastern Europe to provide texts and support publications. Is this not the most important activity of all? In the long run, it is only by the development of local capacity to produce and distribute books that this contin-While the immediate help given by Book Aid should be supported, the main thrust must be to bolster the long-term process of building up people's capacity to write well, and run effective publishing enterprises. The Harold Macmillan Trust does exactly that through its "Write-Aid" in 1960 Harold Macmillan spoke of the wind of change in Africa.

> From Mr Hugh I. Arnold Sir. It took me some time to realise that the Book Aid logo (above) did not represent a page from a falsemoustache catalogue.

Yours sincerely, HUGH ARNOLD. Letters to the editor should carry a 11 Dane Heights. daytime telephone number. They Seaford, East Sussex. January 22.

increasingly competitive and mobile types, whether the funds are taken to support the price of Maxwell

Yours faithfully, KEITH MARSDEN, 130 Chemin des Mollies. 1293 Bellevue, Geneva. . January 19.

From Mr Jacques A. Arnold, MP for Gravesham (Conservative)

Sir, Neil Kinnock has announced his prediction of a Labour government with a majority of 20 after the general election.

Yesterday, 25 of his backbenchers, led by Tony Benn and including Ken Livingstone, Bernie Grant, Jeremy Corbyn and Dennis Skinner, put down an amendment to the economic debate, ignoring the official Labour amendment, in which they called for socialist policies including major cuts in the arms budget, the harnessing of the nation's savings, and a fair and progressive taxation system" and also demanded "a restoration of local government democracy, full trade union rights . . .".

In the unlikely event of such a predicted Labour majority being achieved, the Labour government would rely on these 25 left wingers, and a further considerable number of left wingers currently lurking in the ranks of Labour's prospective parliamentary candidates.

Mr Kinnock must now tell us if he would capitulate to this group and their demands; or, if not, how he proposes to muzzle them and drag them into the voting lobbies.

Yours faithfully. JACQUES ARNOLD. House of Commons. January 23.

From Mr Roderick Hall

Sir, There has been much talk recently about the Labour party's plans, if elected, to increase National Insurance contributions to help pay for a wide range of spending pro-

Funds taken from working people's wages for insurance or retirement should only be used for these specific purposes, and protected from the designs of predators of all

conflagration, which destroyed the Alhambra Theatre in Leicester Square on the night of December 7, 1882, well illustrates the silence of newspaper reporters. The ferocious blaze at one stage threatened to ets of the West End. During firefighting operations, a huge wall and part of the theatre roof suddenly collapsed, killing two firemen and seriously injuring seven

A few days later, The Times's correspondent briefly reported: The Prince of Wales, attended by his equerry, paid a visit on Saturday to the scene of the recent disastrous fires at the Alhambra Theatre and in Cheapside . . . He was particularly interested in seeing where the firemen had met their deaths and later visited the injured firefighters at the Charing Cross Hospital.

There was, of course, no mention that the Prince of Wales was paying

the rest of the book. Even the blurb Gulf war paintings on the cover is free of any comments From Mr D. P. Marchessini about the traumatic consequences of this assault on the heroine in her

Sir. If John Keane (reports and passage through the book. photographs, January 15) had gone It seems to me the book is a shallow to the Gulf on his own, any pictures tale about an intelligent, uneducated he produced would have been his young woman who is more interested own affair. But when he is sent to the in escaping from her dreadful family Gulf by the Imperial War Museum than she is in exorcising the trauma in order to produce a pictorial record of her ordeal. of the war, he is obliged to produce a I am probably naive in expecting television to produce a faithful image record that is both accurate and

respectful of those who fought and of a book, but it does annoy me, and died there. If he was not willing or able to do this, he should have refused the does nothing for the reputation of the author or the producer, when I am commission, and allowed someone told that an explicit sex scene is crucial to the plot when it is clearly not. more suitable to take his place. Mr Keane may be, in his own Yours faithfully. words, a "coward", but the men who STANLEY GÙY, fought and died in the Gulf were not.

Yours faithfully, D. P. MARCHESSINI, Marchessini & Co. Ltd.,

Kingsbury House, 15/17 King Street, SW1. From Dr C. J. P. Beatty

Sir. John Keane's "Mickey Mouse at the Front" strikes me as exceptionally perceptive. Mickey Mouse is the cult symbol of our so-called civilisation. Fancy finding the dear little fellow the plaything of the Iraqis, too! I shall certainly try to visit the Imperial War Museum in March to see the full display of Keane's Gulf war pictures for myself.

Yours sincerely, C. J. P. BEATTY, 12 Great Close, Cawood, Selby, North Yorkshire. January 15.

Tug of war plea

Royal Tournament

Sir. Every Olympic year new events appear in the Games. Some, like synchronised swimming, are little known. Is it not strange, therefore, that tug of war - a sport so well known and so popular throughout the British Isles — is not an event in the Olympic Games?

In this country mg of war is enjoyed at various levels of experise. There are national competitions. pulls at Highland Games and agricultural shows, and most fun of all, pulls across ponds between neighbouring villages or even public houses. There is even an annual pull between the House of Lords and the House of Commons, It is also a sport

A grilling for the burgers

From the Chairman of the Heath and Old Hampstead Society

Sir, This society has been leading the campaign against the opening of a branch of McDonald's in Hampstead (report and leading article, January 18). In doing so we represent the views not only of residents but also those who work here and

who visit. The attraction of Hampstead is its difference; the last thing visitors want is a replica of their own chaindominated high streets. We have too many chains here already; our aim is to encourage a variety of family-

owned businesses. As for "cheap and cheerful places" to ear. for those you disparage as "the hoi polloi", at the last count, within the past six weeks, there were ten take-aways, seven pubs serving cheap food, and a dozen or more places to buy sandwiches, all within a short walk of the proposed Mc-

Donald's site.
If McDonald's comes to Hampstead the aesthetic problem of its fascia and shop interior is likely to be responsibly resolved. Less easy to deal with will be the increase of litter. not only in the streets but on the Heath, and the traffic problems created by more fast-food delivery and collection in our narrow streets. But these are minor issues compared to the erosion of the character of one of the last charming and idio-syncratic places in London.

Yours faithfully, PETER GORB, Chairman, The Heath and Old Hampstead 17 Redington Road,

Hampstead, NW3.

From Mr A. D. Wilson

Sir, I fully supported the original McDonald's application in the early Eighties to open a restaurant in Hampstead. Satisfying a food need apart, the strongest argument for it was that it would employ around 90 youngsters in three shifts, many from ethnic minorities. Camden Council was then constantly seeking measures to create jobs for such school-

leavers and presumably still is.
The Heath and Old Hampstead Society's dirtier compatriots drop litter of all kinds everywhere. Do they seek to ban the sale of potato crisps and chocolate bars?

Yours faithfully, **ALAN WILSON** Commerce, 1979-87), Ashbrook, Aston Tirrold, Didcot, Oxfordshire. January 21.

From Mr S. Lewis

Sir. On the other side of London from Hampstead, geographically and economically. Tower Hamlets residents living around the Mile End Gate area have been fighting long and hard to stop a McDonald's from opening. Their reasons for not wanting a branch of this fast-food chain are exactly the same as for the people of Hampstead - the threat of noise, disturbance and liner.

The only place, in my view, for a McDonald's is in a shopping centre. well away from where people live.

Yours faithfully. S. LEWIS.

55 Burr Close, E1. January 18.

From Mr H. N. Heasman Norris Sir, Those responsible for granting planning permission for McDonald's in Hampstead would do well to ask themselves whether the McDonald's in Stratford upon Avon, which in my opinion glares with its red and yellow fascia and bright lighting. blends fittingly with its more sub-dued historic surroundings. My local McDonalds fast-food outlet has also caused a growing problem of litter in Eastbourne town centre.

Yours faithfully, H. N. HEASMAN NORRIS, 17 Parsonage Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex. January 20.

From Dr Helen Haste

Sir, Sometimes McDonald's does get the architecture right, but it may not make any difference. The Mc-Donald's at Nuygan station, Budapest, is an exquisite reconstruction of a fin de siècle café, but the sight of young people coming out stuffing their mouths with buns destroyed the whole ambience for me when I saw it last summer.

Yours sincerely HELEN HASTE, 10 Belgrave Crescent, Bath, Avon. January 18.

valued by the armed forces and, each

From the Director of the

year, more Service teams from overseas ask to take part in the international competitions staged at the Royal Tournament. For organisers it is easily and

inexpensively staged; for speciators it is easily understood and for the contestants it is a tough trial of strength and team discipline. Tug of war was once an Olympic

event. Surely it is time that this historic and much loved event be restored to the Olympic Games. Yours etc. IAIN FERGUSON.

Director, The Royal Tournament, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, SW1. January 23.

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COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM January 24: By command of The Queen, the Earl Howe, Lord in

Waiting, called upon The President of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania at the Meridian Hotel, Piccadilly, London W1, this morning, in order to bid farewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty on his departure from this country.

KENSINGTON PALACE January 24: The Prince of Wales today visited Norwich and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Norfolk (Mr Timothy Colman).

His Royal Highness this morning visited Start-Rite Shoes, Crome Road, Norwich.

The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, this afternoon attended a meeting of business leaders at Sentinel House, Surrey Street, Norwich.

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Trust and The Prince's Youth Business Trust, later met grant and loan recipients of those organisations at Sentinel House.

Birthdays

Anderson, theologian, 79; Mrs Cory Aguino, President of The Philippines, 59; Sir Tom Arnold, MP, 45: Mr Raymond Baxter. count Blakenham, 54: Mr Russell Rev Dermot Clifford, Archbishoo of Cashel and Emly, 53; Vice-Admiral Sir David Clutterbuck, 79; the Earl of Coventry, 58; Dame Gwen Ffrangcon-Davies, actress, 101; Sir Paul Girolami, chairman, Glaxo Holdings, 66: Mr Brian Hayes, HM Inspector of Constabulary, South East Region, 52; Lord Hiffe, 84; Professor G.E.R. Lloyd, master, Darwin College, Cambridge, 59; Sir James Mellon, diplomat, 63; Sir John Moores, founder, Littlewoods Organisation, 96; Sir David Nicholas, former chairman and chief executive, ITN, 62; Lord Justice Nicholls, 59; Air Commodore A.A. Reed, former director, RAF Nursing Services, 62: Mr David Shanock, chief constable, Avon and Somerset. Miss Angela Thorne, actress.
 Professor Edward Ullendorff. former professor of Ethiopian studies, 72; Viscount Warkinson, CH, 82: Admiral Sir Peter White.

TOMORROW: Mr Ronald Allison, author and broadcaster, 60; the Marquess of Bath, 87; Mr

January 24: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester this evening arrived at RAF Northolt at the conclusion of Their Royal Highnesses' visit to the Arab Republic of Egypt.
Mrs Euan McCorquodale,

KENSINGTON PALACE

Mr Hugh Merfill was in

Miss Suzanne Marland and Major Nicholas Barne were in апелдалсе.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE January 24: The Duke of Kent, President of The Royal United Services Institute, this morning

received Group Captain David His Royal Highness, Chan-cellor of the University of Surrey, attended this afternoon a council meeting at the University, Guildford.

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance. The Duchess of Kent, Visitor of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, this afternoon received teachers and students

TODAY: The Rev Professor G.W. Michael Bentine, author and comedian, 70: Miss Marti Caine, comedienne, 47; Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi, 67; Mr Timo-thy Clifford, director, National Galleries of Scotland, 46; Mrs Margaret Daly, MEP, 54; Mr Martin Dunn, editor, Today, 37; M Stephane Grappelli, violinist, 84: Mr Christopher Hampton, 34: Mr Christopher Hampion, playwright, 46: Mr Kim Hughes, cricketer, 38; the Right Rev David Jenkins. Bishop of Durham, 67: Miss Eartha Kitt, singer, 64: Mr S.J.B. Langdale, former headmaster, Shrewsbury School, 55: His Honour J.C. Leonard, 87: Mr Anna Mariachen Master of Mrs Anne Macfarlane, Master of the Court of Protection, 62; Mr Paul Newman, actor, 67; Mr C. Price, director, Leeds Polytechnic, 60: Mr A.N. Solomons, chairman, Singer and Friedlander, 62; Dr John Sykes, lexicographer, 63; Sir Charles Tidbury, former chairman, Whitbread and Company. 66; Mr M.R. Turner, publisher. 63; Mr Nigel Walmsley. chief executive. Carlton Television, 50; Miss Kaye Webb, founder, Puffin Club, 78.

Tomorrow's royal engagement

The Duchess of Kent will attend the Evening Standard British Film Awards at the Savoy Hotel at

Appointments sador to the Russian Federation.

Mr Christopher Long to be HM Ambassador to Egypt. id. HM Ambassado designate to Fiji, to be concurrently British High Commissioner (non-resident) to Nauru. Mr Terence Wood to be HM

Sir Brian Fall to be HM Ambas-

Mr Nicholas Warren to be Chair-Tribunals and Medical Appeal Tribunals in the Liverpool area. Mr Richard Care to be Deputy Chief Adjudicator, Immigration

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.S. Cavendish

and Miss LA. Rogers The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs R.F. Cavendish, of Drayton St Leonard, Oxfordshire, and Lesley, daughter of Mr E.F. Rogers, of Wimbledon, London, and Mrs J.M. Rogers, of Richmond, Surrey.

Mr C.M. Cuthbert and Miss S. Dan

The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs Maurice Cuthbert, of Butleigh, Somerset. and Sally, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Noel Dan, of Sydney.

Mr P.K. Ewing and Miss C.M. Heilmann

The engagement is announced between Peter Kent, son of Dr S. Ewing, of Walnut Creek, California, and Mrs G. Essex, of San Francisco, and Claire Marie. daughter of Mr C.F. Heilmann, of Greenwich, Connecticut, and Mrs M.M. Heilmann, of Lower Bourne, Farnham, Surrey.

Mr P.A. Honey and Miss A.M.T. Mead The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mrs Babs Honey and the late Mr Dick Honey, of Vagwr-Eilw, Pem-brokeshire, and Amanda, daughter of Mrs Mary Mead and the late Mr Roger Mead, of Blagdon, near Bristol.

Mr A.D. Kayanagh

and Miss J.M. McKie The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs B.T. Kavanagh, of Romsley, West Midlands, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.J. McKie, of Famham, Surrey.

Mr C.S.M. Lawrence

The engagement is announced between Christopher, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Ian Lawrence, of Fontmell Magna, Shaftesbury, Dorset, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Wigley, of Cherry Burton, Beverley, Humberside

Mr J.M.D. McKinnel

and Miss K.S. Biddulph The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of the late Mr Bob McKinnel and of Mrs Hazel Barclay, of Bradninch, Devon, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ross Biddulph, of Abbotsham, Devon, and Miss S.J. Sanders

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs A.C. Mitchell, of Dumfries, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs N.H. Sanders, of Hove. Mr J.S.T. Nelson

and Miss C.E. Goad The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Commander and Mrs J.G. Nelson, of Badminton Gardens, Bath, and Claire Emma, elder daughter of Brigadier and Mrs K.J.W. Goad, of Bicester.

Mr A.H. Pearson and Miss LALL Khoo The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr E. and Mrs M. Pearson, and Lisanne, daughter of Dr and Mrs K.L. Khoo, of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Dr M.G.R. Perazzo and Miss C.E. Mackintosh The engagement is announced between Massimo, son of Professore Edgardo and Signora Carla Perazzo, of Turin, Italy, and Catriona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Mackintosh, of

Little Bedwyn, Wiltshire. Mr N.A. Sheta and Miss C.M. Morris The engagement is announced between Nader Andrew, son of Mrs T.I. Sheta, of Thornton Heath, Surrey, and Clare Marie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Morris, of Purley, Surrey.

Mr J.A. Simpson and Miss K.X. Eddleston

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Simpson, of Higham Bury, Bedfordshire, and Katie, daughter of Mr David Eddleston, of West Kensington and Mrs Bishout Simpson and Mrs Richard Bishop, of Streatley,

Mr M.C.E. Wurtzburg and Miss S. Walker-Arnott The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr Raymond Wurtzburg, of Ken-sington, London, and the late Mrs Lorna Wurtzburg, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr John Walker-Arnott. of Chipping Ongar, Essex, and Mrs Richard

Aldridge, of Kingston, Devon. Mr E.S. Young and Miss R.H. Fane de Salis The engagement is announced between Edward, second son of Or Robert and Professor the Reverend Frances Young, of Selly Park, Birmingham, and Rowena younger daughter of Mr and Mrs

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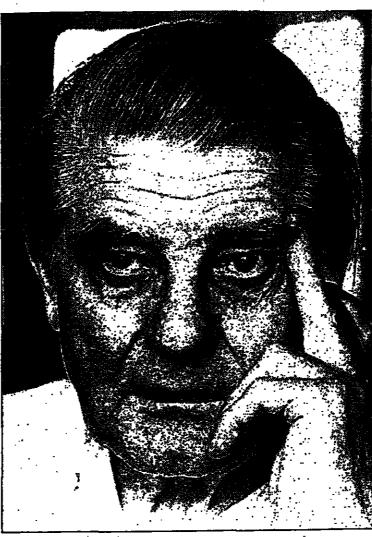
John Sparrow. OBE. Warden of All Souls College. Oxford, 1952-77, died yesterday aged 85. He was born on November 13, 1906.

FEW Englishmen of his generation had a more distinguished, gifted and lively mind than John Sparrow. If it was not deeply speculative or metaphysical it was capable of rapid mastery of any subject presented to it. As a young lawyer his approach had been nimble and shrewd rather than profoundly studious. Yet he had all the qualities of the first class scholar. In later life and as Warden of All Souls he paid court to none. and always had time for the creative, the independent, the clever and the brave. He himself had all those qualities except for the first: he was once heard to say that to become a creative artist, he would cheerfully have forgone all else.

John Hanbury 'Angus Sparrow

was the eldest child of Isaac Sparrow, a barrister who practised little and was comfortably off by inheritance. At Winchester John Sparrow shone both as scholar and as footballer. In 1925 he went up to New College, Oxford, as a scholar. He took in his stride a first in Honour Moderations in 1927 and the Chancellor's prize for Latin verse in 1929, but found the path to his first in Greats (1929) more arduous. However, Sparrow's classical proficiency and his flair for the rapid if somewhat superficial mastery of subjects quickly won him a fellowship after examination at All Souls College, and, rather against the advice of his close friend and mentor Maurice Bowra, the young dean of Wadham, who seems to have seen in Sparrow a born Mods don, he decided to enter the Middle Temple and read for the Bar in the chambers of Cyril Radcliffe.

From 1931 Sparrow was a fully engaged and notably successful junior, working under Radcliffe in allround Chancery practice. If the law to him was a game rather than an avocation, his lucid elegance of diction and his bland cogency in argument came off well in court. This was a time when he first became a welcome guest at dinner-parties in London and house-parties in the country where his wit and intellectual sparkle - rather in the mode, even consciously, of Sydney Smith were specially valued. Winston Churchill was sufficiently aroused by him to growl across Venetia Montagu's table "I don't like young JOHN SPARROW



men who darken counsel." Ironically enough, however, Sparrow, who in the Fifties and Sixties was often tilted at by progressive journalists as "a pillar of the Establishment", made something of a mark in the late Thirties with his acute, if acerb thrusts in The Times and elsewhere at the appeasement line of the National Government.

In those days he was a frequent and vivacious reviewer of novels and poetry for the weekly magazines: though no commission pleased him more than being sent to report the appearance (and, to his sorrow, defeat) of Major Buckley's famous Wolverhampton Wanderers at the Wembley Cup Final of 1939. By then he had also established a serious and life-long reputation as a book-collector and bibliophile.

surprised both family and friends by enlisting, in a genuine flash of the spirit of T. E. Lawrence, as a private in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. There is no doubt that he found happiness in the ranks and intended to stay there: but the powers that be had other ideas and in 1940 Sparrow was commissioned in the Coldstream Guards and was soon made military assistant to the Adjutant-General. Lieutenant-General Sir Colville Wemyss. When in June 1941 Wemyss was made head of the joint staff mission to Washington, Sparrow went with him as ADC, coinciding for the next six months in the American capital with two other All Souls luminaries of his generation, Isaiah Berlin and John Foster.

with a Coldstream battalion in opus, and to settle for the brief, ... He was unmarried.

tial organisation which was intended to by-pass the ordinary channels of military communication. The rest of the war Sparrow spent visiting the soldiers in training camp and in the front line in India, Persia, Italy and Germany. He became Deputy Assistant Adjutant General. Assistant Adjutant General, and was promoted to lieutenant-colonel and appointed OBE. Return to the Bar after the war found Sparrow deeply divided within himself about his future. At 40 he

a newly created and deeply influen-

knew that he had serious prospects of silk and the Bench; but the law seemed to him to demand only his expertise, and All Souls, where had always been an active fellow, offered the chance of the scholar's life. A long-standing ambition was to write a definitive study of Mark Pattison (no one was more familiar than Sparrow with the Pattison MSS in the Bodleian); another was to contribute to Donne studies - and Sparrow while a schoolboy had published an edition of Donne's

Devotions.

But in 1951 the Warden, B. H. Summer, died and plunged the college into a hoth-contested election. Sparrow had few supporters to begin with; eventually he was one of the three to run forward from an over-large field to a tight and tense finish. Yet within nine months the somewhat reluctant victor. Sir Hubert Henderson, was dead, and Sparrow was now carried into office, on March 1, 1952, by an overwhelming majority of votes.

He did not make an eager start as Warden. He admired and appreciated fine scholarship; but he did not take university teachers altogether seriously. For the first dozen years of his wardenship, All Souls hardly took her full chance to play a vital role in the life of the university. But no one denied that he was a master of college business, a dexterous chairman, and a discriminating lover of the fabric and traditions of All Souls, who undertook the beautifying of the Codrington Library and the Old Library and the rebuilding of the Hawksmoor Towers.

Assuredly his wardenship gave him time to write; and it might have been thought that he would produce a major study of Pattison. But it was

training, but was soon summoned to brilliant essays on "Mark Pattison assist General Sir Ronald Adam on and the Idea of a University", which were the Clark lectures for 1967. the War Office's morale committee, Sparrow was an effective essayist and reviewer. His prose was agile, graceful, ironic, although he never used his pen cruelly; and he had a taste for the anonymity long afforded by the front page of The Times Literary Supplement. Certain subjects drew him strongly. Donne, Pope, Tennyson, Housman, on all of whom he was a serious authority, and the poems of Bridges and his friend John Betjeman, which he edited. His general views on English poetry were expressed in Sense and Poetry (1934) and his Warton-lecture "On Great Poetry" (1960): they may be termed both original and traditionalist, and betray an acute sensitivity to surface and texture in

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His writings evince a delight in taking the unfashionable side. though more from a desire to make people think again than from pure mischief, and his unorthodox analysis of Lady Chatterley's Lover hugely inflated the sales of Encounter in 1961, evoked a pained uproar in many quarters and was never refuted. Some of the best of his occasional pieces were reprinted in Independent Essays, Controversial Essays and After the Assassination. They ranged from a spirited defence of the Warren report on President Kennedy's murder to severe criticism of what he called "the Revolting Students" of the Sixties. His specialist publications on aspects of Italian Renaissance Lann poetry and epigraphy and his collections (in the six volumes of Lapidaria (1943-70), Visible Words (the Sanders Lectures, 1969), Line Upon Line, and Grave Epigrams of unusual epitaphs and inscriptions (some of them his own) were of scholarly value, the output of an accomplished Latinist.

In retirement Sparrow remained in Oxford in accommodation provided by All Souls. He was a frequent visitor to college where he witnessed substantial changes, the admission of women fellows, a greater emphasis on academic research and increased participation by All Souls in the mainstream of university affairs. Although the innovations were not all to his taste, he remained a courteous, if occasional-By January 1942 he was back his nature to put off the magnum: ly mischievous, dinner companion.

FREDDIE BARTHOLOMEW

Freddie Bartholomew, Holly-came to the attention of another spoiled rich boy, ing expenses out of his salary, wood child star of the 1930s MGM. The studio engaged courtesy Rudyard, Kipling. By 1939 Bartholomew had with American notions of a miniature English gentleman, died of emphysema on January 23 at a hospital in Sarasota, Florida, aged 67. He was born Frederick Llewellen in Dublin in 1924.

LIKE many child actors, Freddie Bartholomew's time in the spotlight lasted only as long as his boyhood curls and his winsome grin. But while those looks and locks remained he captured motherly hearts on both sides of the Atlantic. By 1937 his salary had soared to \$2,500 a week, making him the highest paid Hollywood child star after

Shirley Temple.
Initially abandoned by his parents, he was brought up by an aunt in Warminster, where he made his performing debut at the age of four. Bartholomew said later that his aunt, Millicent Mary Bartholomew, was so impressed by his recitation of a poem at a church social that she began to hawk him around the British film studios.

He won a number of small parts, beginning with Fasci-nation in 1930, and soon

Dinners

David Copperfield - as the young David only, with Frank Lawton taking over when he grew up — with W. C. Fields as Mr Micawber and some strong casting in the other roles. Bartholomew became an overnight star at the age of ten. Within days he changed from Freddie to "Master Bartholomew". He had beaten Jackie Cooper, Louis B. Mayer's preferred

choice, to the part. Films followed in swift succession. A touch of haughtiness which made him quite the embryo grand seigneur made him a natural for Little Lord Fauntleroy, the film by which he will be best remembered. Refore that he was mothered by Greta Garbo in Selznick's production of Anna Karenina. His weekly salary at Metro went up from \$500 to \$1,000 a week. Whenever a male child star was required Bartholomew appeared to get the job: Kidnapped, Swiss Family Robinson, Tom Brown's Schooldays, even A Yank at Eton. His own favourite part was in Captains Courageous (1937), in which he played yet

him to play in the title role in who grows under the trielage sheared off those trade-mark of a hard-bitten fishermen (Spencer Tracy). The film took a year to

make and was shot mostly off the coasts of Florida and Čalifornia. "For a kid," Bartholo-mew said later, "it was like one long outing. Spencer Tracy. Lionel Barrymore, Mickey Rooney, Melvyn Douglas and I grew very close to one another in those 12 months. When the shooting was finished we cried like a bunch of babies when we said our goodbyes." Rooney was a regular screen sparring partner, playing the adolescent tough

against the adolescent toff. Not everyone was won over by Bartholomew's dark curis. Graham Greene noted his "lustrous and repulsive charm". And for all his fame, Bartholomew never became

His parents resurfaced as soon as he achieved stardom, trying to regain custody of their son, and the ensuing law suits drained his fortune. The dispute was finally resolved in 1936 when it was agreed that his aunt would retain guardianship and his parents were given allowances for their livcurls — to the horror of the media in general and photographers in particular - complaining that they were "too sissified." He was now a gangling 15-year-old, and his days of stardom were over. He returned to school, after being formally adopted by his aimt

During the second world war, almost unnoticed by the public, Bartholomew joined the US Air Force and became a maintenance worker on B. 17 bombers. After his discharge he appeared in vaudeville and night club shows and performed in summer theatre, but was never able to re-establish his acting career. He made one last film, St Benny the Dip in 1951, bringing his total to

Bartholomew turned to directing television shows in the United States and in 1954 left showbusiness to work for the Benton and Bowles advertising agency in New York, where he eventually became a vice president.

He is survived by his wife. Elizabeth, a son and a daughter.



With Greta Garbo in Anna Karenina, 1935

Keble College, Oxford
The Bishop of Rochester, President of the Keble Association, attended the Keble London dinner held last night at the Rem-brandt Hotel, SW7. Dr G.B. Richardson, Warden of Keble College, Oxford, presided The Presidents of the Middle and Junior Common Rooms were the

Caledonian Club Lord Ramsay, President of the Caledonian Club, and Lady Ramsay attended a Burns' dinner held last night at the club. Sir Gordon Manzie proposed the toast to the "immortal memory" and Mr Michael Billingham and Mrs Margaret Hall also spoke.

Royal College of Radiologists Dr T.K. Wheeler. Chairman of the Final FRCR (Clinical Oncology) Examining Board, gave a dinner last night at the Royal College of Radiologists in honour Dr N. Howard, recently retired

Scott's castle faces collapse

An 11th century castle made famous in Sir Walter Scott's Ivanhoe is in danger of falling down unless English Heritage can find funds to pay for new roof for the keep. Managers at Conisbrough castle, near Doncaster, want to turn it into a medieval centre attracting 100.000 tourists a year.

Evangelism must be revived, bishop says

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE church is failing to get its message across in a language that people can understand, according to Roy Williamson, who will be enthroned as the eighth Bishop of Southwark today.

The bishop spoke yesterday of his determination to get the decade of evangelism moving in the Church of England. His objectives are to see women ordained priests and to tackle racism throughout the church and society.

Bishop Williamson, aged 59. the former Bishop of Bradford, confessed to disappointment that the decade of evangelism had been slow to make an impact. He said: "It will be a great shame if the decade passes without the church asking itself pertinent questions about why people have left, why the church has been declining for so long."

Even people who might be

persuaded to go to church are

out off by its image, a "feeling

that they have got to learn the

language", he said. "The big-

gest question we must ask is

what it is in modern culture

that militates against belief. May be it is no longer considered credible to believe."

In his recent book Can you Spare a Minute?. the bishop says that much of what goes on in the church appears irrelevant to others. "If I wasn't already a Christian pilgrim. I would need some convincing as to why I should become one - if it means joining the local church."

He continues: "Only those Christians who wear rose coloured speciacles would fail to see that the church is far from being the kind of community which God intended. There is no avoiding the fact that the institutional church is humiliated by its failure to be what it professes to be or what it is told to be." As bishop of a diocese

which covers all or part of 13 boroughs and is home to 31 MPs, he is proposing to spend as much time as pos-sible on the road. "We need to pay attention to what people are saying," he said. "It does not mean changing the message."

Anniversaries

Today BIRTHS: St Edmund Campion, Jestit martyr, London, 1540; Robert Boyle, chemist, Lissmore, Co Waterford, 1627; Robert Burns, poet, Alloway, 1759; Wil-liam Somerset Maugham, novelist and dramatist, Paris, 1874; Virginia Woolf, novelist and critic, London, 1882; Wilhelm Furtwängler, conductor, Berlin, DEATHS: Dorothy Wordsworth,

Rydal. Cumbria. 1855: Al Capone, gangster. Palm Island, Florida, 1947. BIRTHS: George Sackville Ger-

main (Lord George Sackville). 1st Viscount Sackville, soldier and politician. 1716: Benjamin Robert Haydon, painter (Waiting for The Times), Plymouth, 1786. DEATHS: Edward Jenner, discoverer of vaccination, Berke-ley, Gloucs, 1823; Theodore Géricault, painter. Paris, 1824: Charles George Gordon, general, killed at Khartoum, 1885; Nicholaus Otto, pioneer of the internal combustion engine. Cologne, 1891: Arthur Cayley, mathematician, Cambridge, 1895: Nikolal Vavilov, geneticis. Saratov labour camp. Siberia, 1943: Grace Moore, soprano and film actress. Copenhagen, 1947: Edward G Robinson, actor. Los Angeles, 1973; James Cameron,

iournalist, 1985. Today is Australia Day, commemorating the landing by Arthur Phillip in 1788. Hong Kong was proclaimed a British sovereign territory, 1841.

Skills of Bronze Age tin miners revealed

By Norman Hammond ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

EXPLORATION of a prehistoric tin mine in southern Turkey has shown that production was much higher and extractive technology more_ advanced than had been thought Underground mining using firesetting to fracture the ore-bearing rock has been dated to over 4,500 years ago.

The study, at the Kestel mine site in the Taurus mountains near Adana, was authority. carried out by the Peak District Mining Museum with British Academy sponsorship. Dr Lynn Willies, of the team, said that there had been much controversy over whether tin was mined underground in the Early Bronze Age but radiocarbon dating, analysis of ores and metallurgical debris, and pottery now made it quite

œrtain, The Kestel mine dates to about 2800-2100BC, and lies close to the tin sources reported four years ago: While that discovery solved. the mystery of where the an-

for making bronze, the new work shows how the tin was extracted.

Production was on a more ambitious scale than initially estimated, "several hundred tonnes at least, equivalent to thousands of fonnes of bronze," Dr Willies said. The mine was probably found originally by gold prospec-tors, and was rediscovered by

Turkey's mineral exploration The earliest evidence for its use is around 2800-2600BC. but the main activity was a little later and continued until 2000BC, Dr Willies said. It was worked using fire and and stone hammers, and an estimated 50,000 stone tools survive at the Kestel mine and nearby sites, including grinders needed to free the ore from the hard rock and crush it

The option of the property of Part of the mine had been used as a burial chamber. Scattered bones of at least five people have been found, apparently buried in small chambers cut in the rock and cients obtained the vital alloy ... then wailed up.

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Church services for tomorrow

Third Sunday after

Epiphany CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 3 HC. 9.30 M, Rev C J Hill: 11 S Such, Missa Brevis in C (Mozart, Tantum ergo (Durutle, Rev P O C Rett; 3.15 E, Responfer (Ayleward), Svening Service (Chapple, Viga Issa (Bruckner); 6.30 Sermon & Compline, The Arthoscon. Compline, The Archdescon.

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YORK MINSTER: 5 & 8.45 HC. 10 5 Euch, Mirse Bird's (MOZIN), Rey L Carberry: 11:30 M. Responses (Smith), Sumston in G: 4 E. Murfill In E. Nork Dominus (Jechner). Rey Jean Mayland.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 10.30 M.
RESPONSES (Modey). To Dearn & Benedicus:
(Sumsion in G). Canon M. Sawang, 11.30 HC.
Missa Brevis (Leighton). Schlichten down
(Wardock): 3.15 E. The St Paul's Sayuce
(Mowells). Omney de Saba (Handi). Rev C.
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SOUTHWARE CATHEDRAL: 9 HC i! Brich.

Missa Ecce ego Joannes (Palestrina). Ecce

socratos magnus (Bruchner). Sacerdone Domini

(Byrd), The Bishop of Southware.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5, 30 at

7 Mass: 10, 30 SM. Missa Estiva (Peeter).

Deniera Domini (Palestrina). O Sacrum

convivium pléssisem). Introduction & Alliego

(Viarnel, 2, 30, Organ recini); 3, 30 Solemn V & B.

Magnifican secundi toni (Incertos). O saluraris

hostia (Tallis). Scherzo (Vierne).

37 GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL Southware. GEORGE'S CATREDRAL SOUTHWARE 6 LM dit 2.10 (Children's service, 6 LM; 11.30 HM, 1553 Brevis (Gabriell). O Sacrum Convivium LITAIN. Fr M JORES. Divine Linny.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD. SINCE AND ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE SINCE OF GOD. SINCE AND ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST. SAVVA. LINCESSET EM. WILL 10.30 Divine Linny. THE CHAPEL ROYAL. St. James's Palace. 8.30 MC 11.15 MP. Here is the little door (Howells). CANON D. H. Wickson. ROYAL HOSPITAL. Chelses. Sw3: 11 M. Everlasting God (Oriando Gibbons). Virga Jesse (Brucinet). Fugus in E miner (J S Bach), The Chaplain. Chaplain.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC.: 11 M.

Te Deum (Gibbors Short Service, Here is the little Goor Howells, The Chaplain; 12.30 HC.

ROTAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SEIO: 11 S Euch, God is living, God is here of S Batch, And the glory of the Lord (Handel), The Chaplain. TOWER OF LONDON, ECS: 11 M & Sermon, Responses (Reading), To Denon (Mendelssohn in A.). Benedichus (Chang), Ave Maria (Bruckner). Canon J G M W Murphy. CARON J G M W MERPIN.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Free Street, ECt. 8:30 HC:
11.15 HC (Sungl. Schubert in G. Unrolf (Rytie
Eleison), The Creed (Merbecke), The Master.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC.

11 M. Rey A T R Goods; 12:15 HC.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hamplon Court Palace: 8:30
HC 11 M. Responses (Sunfam), Smart in F. God
is our hope (Sach); 3:30 E. Responses (Reading),
0 Lord the maker (Gooden), Bairstow in D. Sare
us O Lord (Bairstow).

Canon S Van Culin.
All Saints, Margaret Street, Wi: 8 è 5.15 LM:
11 HM, Missa Ascendo ad Patrezo (Palestring), 1
will lift up mime eyes (Howells), The Vicus; 6 E &
B. The Second Service (Leighioni), How lovely are
the messengers (Mendelssohn), Rev C A Jones. ALL SOULS, Langham Place, WI: 11 & 6.30 Canon J Chapman.
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Cheyne Walk: SW3: 8 & 12 PIC: 10 Children's Service: 11 M, Freb C E L Thomson.
CHELSEA CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 S Ruch, Rev S Acland.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Andley Street.
8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Le Roy Kyrie (Taverneth, Reges Tharsis (Sheppard), Aginus Dei Sheppard), Fugue in 8 minor (Bach), Rev A W Marks. Maris.

BOLY TRINITY. Enoupted Road. SW7: 10.30

Family & HC. Rev J A K McDar. 5.30 Informal

Service. Rev J G F Gumbel.

HOLY TRINITY. Prince Consort Road. SW7: 8.30

a 12.05 HC: 11 Choral MP. Rev Dr M Isroel.

BOLY TRINITY. Stance Street. SW1: 83.0, 12.10

HC. 10.30 S Euch. Rev K Yang.

BT ALEANS. Brooks St. ECH: 9.30 SM: 11 FMM.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 \$ Euch, Ros Canon S Van Culin.

HC 10.30 S EUCE, Rev K Yang,
ST ALEAN'S, Brooke St, ECK 9.90 SMc; 11 HM.
Messe spierinelle (Vierna), Preb. J Ossketi; 5.30
LM.
ST EARTHOLOMEN THE GREAT, Smithfield,
ECL: 9 HC; 11 M. Short, Service (Byrd), Sener. puttum purushet (Byrd). The Recing, 6.30 R. Noble in B minor. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem Blowells, The Recot.

ST EREDETS, Fleet Suser, ECG: 11 Choral M & Ruch, Benedicus, Gibbons Short Servicel, Stanford in A Be still; my soul (Ashfield, Canon J Cates, 6.30 Choral B. Responses (Tomidin), Gibbons Second Service, Gloria (Lassud, 6. Sarrum convivium (Messiaen), Canon J Oates, Gardens SWS: 10 Ct. 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Caesay, Rejoice in the Lord, alway (Parcell), Err J Vinc.

ST GEORGES, Bloomsbury, WCI: 10 Euch; 6.30

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WCI: 10 Euch; 5.30 EP, Fr M Day.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, WI: 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch, Mozart In D, Paterhoster (Strevinsky), The Rector. GILES IN-THE FIELDS. St Gles High St. 2: 8 & 12 HC: 11 MP: 630 EP. ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 10:30 Morning Worship, Rev J Wood; 6:30 EP, Rav Q Williams ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC: 11 S Buch, Rosemany Corder (Lay Reader): 5.45 EP. ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch. Shou: Service; (Wills), God is a Splini Genneth, Rev B Galkowsy; 6 Chonzi E, Sumsion, in A. The Lord hath been mindful (Wesley), Rev G Buckle.

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ST JOHN TRE BAFTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 MAR (Ratin), 11 SM: 6 V & R.

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ST JOHN'S WOOD GENERCH, NWS: 8 HC: 9.30 Faits C: 11 S Ench, Danie in E. The Lord hath been mhodiul (Weisel, Rev D Frith, ST LURE'S, Chelsen, SWS: 8 HC: 10.30 MP & HC. Leigmon in D. There is no Rose (Wils), Cardinon on Orientis Partibus (Wils), Rev N VIGES, 6-30 E. Faire is the beaven (Rants).

ST MARKE'S, ROSENS Park Rd, NWI: 8 HC: 10 Family C: 11 S Ench, Jackson in O, My soul there is a country (Parry), Rev T Decomplies Jones.

ST MARCARETS, Washinster, SWI: 11 Choral M. Responser (Howells), Te Denim (Wesley In IS), Almishiy and everhasing God (Gibbons), Canon C Semper, 12.15 HC.

ST MARTIN-ID-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC. 9.45 Euch, Ray J Pridmore, 11.30 Visitors in London Service. The Vicar, 2.45 Chirate Service, Ray P. Kau; 5 Choral S; 6.30 ES, The Vicar, ST MARY ABRATE. Kensthesum, WK 8 & 12.30 ST MARY ABBOTE. ECHNIQUE. WE 8 & 12.30 HC 9.30 PRISH C. The Vicar 11.15 M. Rev P Gelli; 6.30 Choral E. The Vicar 11.15 M. Rev P Gelli; 6.30 Choral E. The Vicar 11.15 M. Rev P Fachs Ruck. Missa Brevis Griesarinal, Give us the wings of fath (Ballock), Rev F Stephens. ST MARYLEBONE, Marylchone Road, Wi: 8 HC. ST MARYLEBONE, Marylchone Road, Wi: 8 HC. Choral Euch, Missa brevis in D (Mozzal), The Crown of roses (Ichalkovsky), Rev R McLaren; 6.30 E.P.

Crown of roses (Tchalkovsky), Rev R McLarci, 6.30 E.P.

ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand WC2: 11 Sung Communion, Rev E Thompson, ST MALTHERWS, Great Peter S. SWI: 8 d 6.30 Lbc; 10 SM, Music (Minray), Rev R Crawford, ST MCCHARL'S, Chester Square, SWI: 8.15 d 11 HC. 7 Informal ES at Gray Cost Hospital School, Graham Terrace, SWI and ES de Es Staines the Less Church, Wannhall Bridge Rosed, SWI: 87 MCCHARL'S, Corniall, ECs: 11 Choral M. Responses (Smin of Durham), The Lord God omnipotent reigned (Thalbers-Ball), To Deum & Mallate (Standord in C. O. God, who by the leasting of a star (Arwood): 12 HC.

ST PARL'S, Onside Square, SWI: 0.30 Pamily HC. 6.30 Informal Service.

ST PARL'S, Wilson Flace, SWI: 8 & 9 HC. 11 Solemn Ench. Missa Gernietur me flassud, Gibbons), Cemon P Enrobar.

ST PEREN'S, Estern Square, SWI: 8.15 HC. 10 Family Mass (1 SM, Missa Gernietur me, Mr A Buck.

ST EIMON ZELGTER, Mitter Street, SWI: 8.16 HC. 10 ST STEMON ZELGTER.

Buck.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street. SW3: 8 HC.

HMP, Short Service (Weelkes), 1 will give thanks

(A Bliss); 6.30 K. Rev G James.

ST STEPHING'S. Gioucester Road, SW7: 2 & 9

LM; 11 SM, Darke in E, Ave verum (Elgar),
Adoramus Te (Pett), Rev N Cocking: 6 EP & B. Adoramus Te (Perf), Rev N Cocking: 6 EP & E.
Rev J Towers.

ST VEDAST. Poster Lane, EC2: 11 Sung Mass.
Rev R Avent.

ST OLDMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pout
Street, SW1: 11 & 3 The Sacrament of the Lord's
Supper, Rev J H McIndoe; 6.30 Rev Suranne
Dunlesys. CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 & 6.30 Rev H Stanley C Hood.

EURCE OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Yood: 10.45, Missa orbis factor Finingon/Williams, Credo (Bynd, Benedicta es (Georgia) THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass. Missa Ave regima caciorum (Vicioria). Landate Dominum (Missassin)

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Piece: 11 Sung Mass, Missa Asterna Christi Minnera (Palestrina), Tu es Sacerdos (Wesley), Sonata II Finale (Men-delssohn). GESSMORI).

THART'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: Mass 8:30, 10, 11 Mass for four voices (Byrd), Ave Maria (Arcadeid, Ave Venus (Elgari, 12.15, 6.30, 0UB LADY OF VECTORIES, Erasingson High Street, WE: 6:30 LM (Sw): 8:30, 10, 12.30, 6:30 LM; 11.15 SM (Latin). MERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tournham not Ed. Wi: 9.45 Sunday School: 11 Worship, w R Allison. CITY TRAPLE, Holborn, ECI: 10.30, Rev D WERING.
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FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11.
Meeting for worship.

Church news Retirements

The Rev Norman Lempriere, Rector, Sullington and Thankeham with Warminghars. (Calchester): to retire as from 31 January. The Rev A Fror Page, Victor, Holland-on-Sea (Chelmsford): to retire as from 2 April. Other appointment Mr Andrew Rainsford to be Christian Stewardship Advisor Norwich).

JAN 25

ON THIS DAY

William Whiteley (1831-1907), you presently founder of the well-known London store, opened his first shop in Westhourne Grove in 1863 with two female assistants. Later, he greatly expanded his business and by the turn of the century his turnover exceeded £1 million. His murderer, Horace George Rayner, who claimed to be Whiteley's illegitimate son, tried and failed to commit suicide. He was sentenced to death, later commuted to life imprison-

MURDER OF MR. WILLIAM WHITELEY

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

OF THE MURDERER Mr. William Whiteley, "The Universal Provider", was murdered outside his private office in one of the numerous shops of the estab-lishment at Westbourne-grove, Bayswater, a few minutes after 1 o clock yesterday afternoon. His assailant, a well-dressed man about 30 years of age, fired two shots at Mr. Whiteley and then shot himself in the temple. Mr. Whiteley was killed, but the murderer, who was taken on an ambulance to St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, still remains there in a critical condition....

It appears that Mr. Whiteley left his residence, 31 Porchester Terrace, W., at about half-past 10 o'clock yesterday morning and proceeded as usual to his place of business, which is not far distant. At about half-past 12 a man, who did not give his name, called at the premises and asked for an interview. He said that he had come from Sir George Lewis, who had acted as solicitor to Mr. Whiteley. The caller was directed to a desk in No. 43 shop, where he saw Mr. Goodman, the chief cashier, and a minute or so later:he was shown into the private office of Mr. Whiteley, with whom he was left alone. The interview lasted for 25 minutes to half an

hour, and the only other person who entered the room seems to have been Mr. Gross, a corresponding clerk, to whom Mr. Whiteley said, "I cannot see you now. I hope to see

The next that was seen of either of the two occupants of the office was at four minutes past 1, when they both came out. By some it is said that Mr. Whiteley came out first and by others that his visitor was the first to appear. It was evident, however, that Mr. Whiteley desired to get rid of his companion, for he told one of the assistants to fetch a policeman. Some fragments of conversation then appear to have passed between the two. One account is that the caller said, "I will," as if referring to something which had previously been said, and Mr. Whiteley replied, "Not this time." The visitor thereupon pulled out a revolver from his left breast-pocket and fired two shots - one entering behind his victim's right ear and the other at the back of the head. Mr. Whiteley reeled and fell, and his assailant

The horrified assistants ran to render aid, but it was found that Mr. Whiteley had been killed instantaneously. A doctor and the police were at once sent for and the body of Mr. Whiteley was taken to an adjoining room, while his assail-ant was removed to St Mary's Hospital, Praed-street, where he was admitted at ten minutes to 2. As he was being placed on the ambulance the injured man said, "I know what I have done. I am quite aware of what I have done." It is stated that he also gave his name as "Cecil

Whiteley." He was wearing a frockcost suit and a silk hat. but Mr. Frank Whiteley stated yesterday that he and his brother William were the only sons.

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lei: (0476) 64979.

MITCHELL - On January
22nd, Philip Evan. aged 72,
peocehulty after a long
illness. A loving husband to
Joan (1926-71), and a
wonderful father to Simon
and Nicholas, who love him
dearly. Funeral at Si
Michael's, Sandhurst, at 2.15
on January 30th, followed
by private cremation. Family
flowers only please but donations to Dodord Kidney Unit
Trust Fund. Enquiries David
Greedy (0344) 773741.

MORMAN-On January 22nd. then placed the revolver to his own

head and fired a third shot.

None of the employees appear to have seen the man before vesterday, but the doorkeeper at one of the shops avers that early that morning he saw him loitering in Douglassplace, which is mainly used for the purposes of Messrs. Whitelev's business, and that when asked what he wanted he replied, "Nothing: what has it got to do with you?" It has been stated that the man said that Mr. Whiteley was his father,

is better to be modest and earn one's living than to play the grandee on an empty UCHANAN-ALLEN Donald Roy. A Me Service and Thanks for the life and work
"R.B.A." will be held
Monday February 10th
2.30 pm at St Eustacht Church, Tavistock, Devo IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE

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son, Samuel John,
FARLEY - On January 17th
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Mospital, London, to Debbie
(née Ayrton-Crime) and Quy,
their first born son, Edward
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Charles, the first daughter.

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daughter, Florence, a sister
for Rosie and Toby.

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January 19th, to Oigs (née
Charlion) and John, a son,
Charles Liewellyn.

MORLEY - On January 21st
1992 to Katharine and
Christopher, a son, Arthur
William.

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REDPATH - On Toesday

January 21st 1992 to Piona
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Ruby.

REILLY - On January 22nd. to
Sarah (née Roberts) and
Dominic. a daughter. Carmilla
Sarah, sister to William and

Miranda.

Mirand SANDERSON - On December 31st 1991, in Dallas, Texas, to Helen (the MrCorraick) and Stephen, a daughter, Georgina Elizabeth.

COLDEN ANNIVERSARIES COLES:HOPE - On Jan 25th 1942 in Madras, Co to Bridget, Now at 25 i Court North, SW3.

DORMOR - On Jamuary 21st 1992 pascefully at Emwood Colyford, Monica, aged 83 years, widow of the late Reverend William Dormor and a much lo mother of Duncan, Dama and Peter, Funeral Service St. Michael's Church, Be Devon, on Monday Janua 27th 1992 at 2 pm. Fam ILL - On Jameary 22mg 1992, peacehilly, Group Caphain Reginald William, D.L. K.D. R.A.F. (ret'd) aged 92 years, beloved husband of the late Mary Constance, dear father of Jane, David and Jennifer, loving grandfather of

Jame, David and Jennifer, loving grandfather of Richard, Andrew, Palicity. Davina and Melissa. Funeral Service on Thursday January 30th at 2.50 pm St. Thomas' Church. Lymington. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, for the Royal National buildings for the Deaf, may be sent c/o F. W. House & Sons. Funeral Lymington. Harmetire. Lymington, Hampshire.
HIMDUJA - On January 25rd
af the Princess Grace
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Hinduja, beloved widow of
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inat period she contributed to establishing and commissionling the world standard Hinduda National Hospital in colleboration with the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston. USA, and was its Managing Trustee. She will be much remembered for her exceptional devotion and commitment. The cremetion was held in Bombay on Priday January 24th. The Marka Ceremony will take place on Sunday January 25th at Param Jumuna, J R Mahtra Road. Rufa Park. Juhu. Bombay 49.

JEMKS - On January 17th. in JENKS – On January 17th, in Osijek, Croatia, Paul, much

loved son of Mrs Cilly Worth and Mr Douglas Jenks, and Mr Douglas Jenks, Funaral Service Caythorpe Church, near Grantham, Lincolnshire, at 2.50 pm on January 51st. to be followed by burial at Carton Scroop Church, All friends welcome. Flowers and other enquirist to David Holland & Son, Funeral Director, London Read, Carathem. Lincolnshire, NQ31 64tW. let: (0476) 64979. BHTCMELL - On January

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OLSSOW - On January 23rd. peacefully after a long libross. J. Patricia M. Founder Member and Head of Teaching at Piper's Corner School for many years. Funeral Service to be held at Prestwood Parish Church on Saturday. List all Prestwood Parish Church on Saturday February 1st at 11am, followed by cremation at Chillerns. Crematorium, Amersham at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations to Ockenden Venture, c/o H.J. & Wright Lid., 106 High Street, Great Missenden, Bucks., HP16 OBE (02406-3101). Service of Thanksgiving to be announced taler.

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SPARROW - On January 24th. at Iffley, peacefully after a long illness, John Hambury Angus, aged 85, formerty Warden of All Souls College, Oxford, Funeral at 2.30 pm on Wednesday January 29th at St Mary's, Iffley, Memorial Service at All Souls on a date to be announced.

STOCKWELL - On January 23th, peacefully, Catherine Murial Cochrano, daughter of the late Major General and Mrs Stockwell. Funeral at Wood Vale Crematorium. Lewes Road, Brighton, on Tuesday February 4th at 2.30 pm. Enquirtes to Cooper & Son, 42 High Street, Lewes, Sussex 0273-475557.

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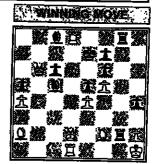
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India is abandoning socialism and disciplining the economy. How much can its poor take? **Christopher Thomas reports**

ndia's durability is vastly underestimated. Predictions of the break-up of A the union have been made since 1947, when the old British Raj was parti-tioned and India became independent, and they are as

wrong now as they were then.
The "integrity" of India, to
use the word preferred by
Indians, has survived war with Pakistan, countless language and religious riots. many collapsed governments. severe poverty and 12 years of conflict in Punjab. where Sikh militants are demanding an independent state. It is also certain to outlast the uprising in Kashmir, now approaching its third anniversary; local Muslims want separation from India. The assassination last May

of Rajiv Gandhi, the former prime minister and leader of the Congress (I) party, which many thought would bring political chaos, did not crack the foundations. Indeed, seven months later a confident and reasonably stable Congress government, headed by P.V. Narasimha Rao, the prime minister, has embarked on far-reaching economic reforms without as much as a murmur of protest from its rivals, apart from the enfeebled communists of West Bengal and Kerala. Mr Rao leads a minority government, but the opposition par-ties are not anxious for a new

There has been a change in the language of Indian politics, however. Everybody knows that reforms are inevitable. The death of the Soviet Union has made the traditional socialist rhetoric unfashionable and irrelevant, the more so at a time when officials from the International Monetary Fund are insist-

ing on radical change. The poor will inevitably suffer under the new order, at least until the economy is on a sounder footing. The middle be squeczed. Subsidies are coming off, taxes are going up, and the prices of all basic essentials are rising rapidly. All this is revolutionary in a country traditionally resistant to change. The newspapers are filled every day with stories of sweeping reform, along with distressing reports of consequent hardship.

For all the political acceptance of change. India has inbuilt restraints that could prevent it from moving as fast as international agencies might like. The huge and powerful bureaucracy has always been geared to going slow, especially when its own personal interests are threatened. As every Indian politician knows, the bureaucracy can thwart anything it strongly dislikes. Apart from this significant brake on change, there is another crucial speed regulator - the

he rate of reforms will have to be tailored to the ability of the masses to endure them. Many are already hungry and mainourished, not because there is inade-quate food in the markets but because it is too expensive. It would not take much to drive huge numbers of people towards starvation. Press photographs of emaciated people in the small north-eastern state of Tripura, and hungry villagers in Andhra Pradesh. have sent a sharp warning that India's poorest are on the edge. There have already been strident protests in some

Events in Yugoslavia and the former Soviet Union have had a significant impact in India. The centralised political control jealously guarded by the Nehru-Gandhi dynassince independence must clearly give way to a more balanced relationship. The Delhi government accepts this. How it will go about the process of devolution, howevclass, numbering perhaps process of devolution, ho 150 million people, will also er, has yet to be clarified.



new course

What is clear is that the arrogant practice of dismissing state governments on blatantly political grounds will not be so easy any more. Biju Patnaik, the chief minister of the eastern state of Orissa, has said that states are no longer willing to be the vassals of Delhi. They insist on running more of their own affairs without interference.

Should the constitution be

revised to create a loose federation of semi-independent states or can a more genuinely federal arrangement be worked out without nampering with the basic structure? Unlike the former Soviet Union, India is not an artificial creation, and has emotional and cultural bonds that hold it together natural

Somewhere in this complex debate the seeds of a solution to the Kashmir crisis might be taking root. The Kashmiri Muslims are virtually united in their dissatisfaction with the present situation and in calling for a break with India. On the other hand, despite Pakistani propaganda, their mood seems to be in favour of an independent Kashmir free of Pakistan as well as India

In Delhi, the response of the government has been to look at the options for returnstate of Jammu anti Kashmir, which is currently under direct rule from Delhi, and it is willing to grant a large mea-sure of autonomy in return. for peace. But there are

irst, the government needs to provide for the election of a credible state administration. This will not be easy. A history of rigged polls makes the people suspicious, and elections would be difficult in the present hostile environ-ment. There is little prospect of halting the armed uprising unless Pakistan stops sup-

porting it.
Punjab is a different kind of problem, since there is hardly any popular support for the formation of an independent state. The terrorist organ-isations are feared, not liked. They rob, kidnap and murder ordinary people to ensure compliance with their ceaseless torrent of instructions: do not speak Hindi: do-

ceptives: do not listen to Indian television; do not run up the Indian flag: do not

The militants, who want a Sikh state called Khalistan. are not as strong as they were, however, although they con-tinue to kill at a phenomenal rate. The police have learned to march them in ferocity last year's death tally, including militants, police and civilians, was a record 6,000. The lack of popular support for Khalistan gives the government hope that the terrorists can be crushed.

ashmir's Muslim rebellion has helped fuel a Hin-du backlash in India's northern heartland. This has taken the form of support for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), a Hindu nationalist organisation, which was on the political fringes only three years ago but has now risen to become the official opposition in the Lok Sabha, the lower house. In 1990 the BJP whipped

northern India into a fever over a disputed religious site in the holy city of Ayodhya. Hundreds died in Hindu-Muslim riors across the northern Hindi-speaking belt Governments collapsed in the turmoil India lost international prestige: The economy was shattered. For more than two years the country was almost ungoverned and ungovernable.

It is a measure of India's capacity to endure punishment that it is again functioning and reasonably stable. Externally, too, under Mr Rao's leadership it has embarked on a new course. After nearly five decades of shun-ning the West, it is now seeking friendship with the United States and the European Community.

The abandonment Jawaharlal Nehru's ideas of coincided with the end of the Nehm-Gandhi dynasty. India wants to be part of the world economy, and the Congress party's opponents find such a position impossible to

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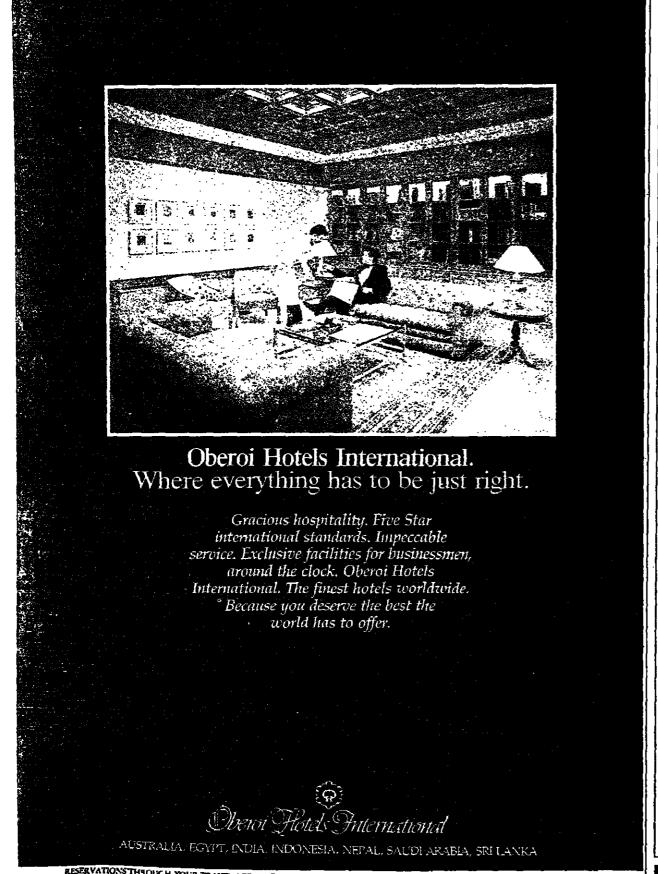
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Rapid progress: the Honda motorcycle factory is now more typical of India's economy than the plough. The rural poor are being hit hard in the race to a free market

-turn to market economics

The country is now backing private enterprise. T.N. Ninan reports

y contrast with China or the former Soviet Union, India has until now always seen gradualism as the key to change. But not any more. In 12 months the country has made a radical change in conomic direction - and, it is hoped, moved into a higher gear as well. For the Indian economy, 1991 was the year of the U-turn.

The policy was designed by Narasimha Rao, the prime minister, and his government to move the country away. from bureaucratic control to freer markets, from mefficient statism to greater reliance on private enterprise and foreign investment, and from inward-looking policies implemented behind protectionist customs barriers to more confident, outward-ori-

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The aim was to move from a "subsidy raj", in which payments from public funds caused huge fiscal deficits, to more balanced budgets, and from heavy borrowing to making sure the country lived

The government was forced to make this fundamental foodgrain issued through the change when India's foreign public distribution system

exchange reserves dropped a year ago to barely 14 billion rupees (£295 million), enough

to pay for less than two weeks' imports. Delhi arranged a standby loan with the International Monetary Fund, and introduced measures to stabilise and restructure the As a result, reserves have

already risen to 100 billion rupees, equivalent to two months import cover. The budget deficit has been reduced from 8.4 per cent of gross-domestic product in 1990-91 to 6:5 per cent in the current year; and next year's target is 5 per cent. A monetaty squeeze has been introduced to contain demand and control inflation, which is still 12.6 per cent a year. There has been partial pri-

vatisation of public-sector companies, a reduction in civil service jobs, and a new policy of making consumers pay for the full cost of government-supplied services. Bus fares in Delhi have beenthe prices of doubled,

have been raised by 30 per cent, and subsidies have been reduced on government-sup-plied fertiliser and eliminated on exports. Government expenditure has been cut.

The cumbersome licensing procedure for industrial startups has been scrapped, restrictions on expansion by large companies and industrial groups have been removed, majority foreign ownership of companies is now routine, rather than an exception; and trade policy has been rewritten to do away with most of the case-by-case licensing of imports.

Exports have been made more attractive by the devaluation of the rupee by 20 per cent last July, and cumulatively by about 40 per cent over the past 12 months.

More changes are coming. What remains of import li-censing is expected to go by April, and so will the channelling of bulk commodity trade through state-owned trading companies. Interest rates have already been deregulated, and the same will soon apply to steel pricing and the

fixing of prices at which companies can issue shares. The rupee may be made freely convertible in the course of the year, ending decades of foreign exchange control.

The next budget, to be presented to parliament by Manmohan Singh, the finance minister, at the end of next month, is expected to include a cutback in customs tariffs to open the Indian economy to more foreign competition, and perhaps a reduction in corporate and income tax rates.

he measures to restrict imports announced in early 1991 in the effort to conserve dollars and prevent international default have been largely removed in recent weeks as the reserves have climbed.

Banking is to be deregulared, too, with greater room given to private and foreignowned banks, and the restructuring of troubled government-owned banks that dominate the system. So far, the most important

dropped dramatically. From now on, imports will be easier and cheaper, but exports are being encouraged and are expected to rise by 15-17 per cent next year.

International confidence in the Indian economy will probably take several months to return fully. Commercial lenders are still scarce, and so reliance on the IMF and the World Bank will continue, if not increase, which means bigger borrowings and probably stiffer conditions.

The big danger is of declining domestic support for reform. Industry is reeling under the recession and record interest rates that have already caused wellpublicised layoffs. Public anger could rise if inflation is not controlled soon. The trade unions are beginning to get restive about a promised "exit" policy that will make it easier for sick companies to close down.

The political backlash market, previously one of would benefit not so much an India's biggest, and the global trade slowdown have led to enfeebled and confused Left as a centrist "nationalist" mainstream that resents Import restrictions have been change made at the behest of the IMF and the World drop in imports, however, so Bank. Both Mr Rao and Dr Singh have said repeatedly that the changes would have been necessary even without loan conditions laid down by

the two institutions. The real U-turn is in the change in attitudes. It is finally appreciated that India cannot live beyond its means.



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Farmers wait in vain for investment

country that is no longer A predominantly agri- production has accelerated cultural. About 83 per cent of in the past decade, investits people live in villages, and ment in agriculture has 60 per cent of its workforce is fallen. Grain output rose at riculture, but the share of agriculture in the country's gross domestic product has fallen from two-thirds to one-third during the past

four decades.

While the economy has diversified, the workforce has not and this has created severe population pressure and poverty on the land. India has 400 million acres of arable land for a rural population of 700 million, barely half an acre per

The yield of rice and wheat is lower in India than in its neighbours, largely because grain is grown in poor land

in a had climate. The paradox is that while agricultural agriculture is

during 1985-90, and other crops grew even faster. Yet agriculture's share of investless important

in the 1970s to barely 10.5 per cent last year. Most state governments in India are on the verge of bankruptcy, as a result of populist give aways to vocal farmers. Charges for canal water do not even cover the

maintenance cost of canals. let alone the cost of building irrigation systems. Farmers get electricity at throw away

ment fell from 17.4 per cent

Most people live on the land but

five horsepower. They have also been receiving sub-sidised fertilisers and

pesticides. The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund are urging price rises to pay for investment in irriga-tion, drainage, soil conserva-tion and roads but the state governments are dragging

The World Bank argues that, after the depreciation of the rupee in the past few years, the price of rice, wheat and cotton in India is well

international rates. is discriminating against agriculture and in favour of industry.

Many Indian economists point out that farmers pay no income tax, so that low farm prices act as an equitable tax on larger farmers while keeping food prices low for the poor. But this means sacrificing some production (and exports) to alleviate poverty. The World Bank has high-

lighted the scope that India has to increase exports of cereals. The country needs to exploit its cheap labour and sunshine by focusing on labour-intensive fruits, vegetables and flowers for

export.
India will have to devote most of its land, however, to feeding its own people, whose average calorie intake

prescribed 2,400. China, for instance, has an actual intake of 2,600. Four good monsoons in a row have increased supplies, but grain prices have shot up 33 per cent because of higher support prices from

India is a marginal food exporter today, mainly of a luxury rice variety prized in the Gulf. But the law of averages indicates that there will be a drought soon, and India may have to import.

The green revolution has fared well in areas with assured irrigation, but it has barely touched huge rain-fed areas that account for 70 per cent of cultivated land.

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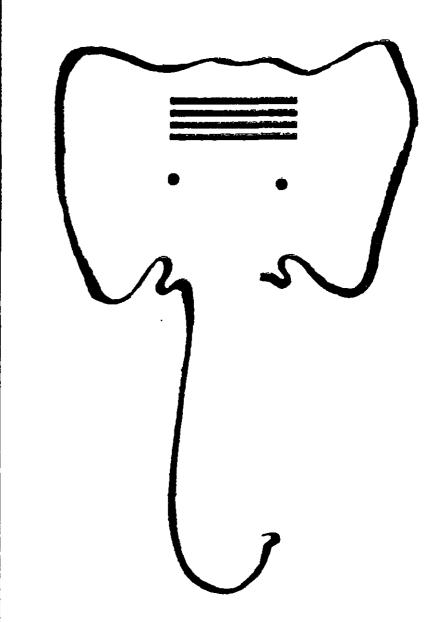
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Doors open to the West Isolated by the collapse of the Soviet Union, India ndia lost the cornerstone of its traditional foreign

policy when the Soviet Union collapsed. It is now hurriedly adapting to a changed world. In doing so, it wants to end decades of chilly relations with the United States and to establish close ties with the European national arms black market.

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is seeking new allies. Christopher Thomas reports Force's combat aircraft and supplier, and its loss is serisurface-to-air defences are afous. India is now stuck with huge amounts of Soviet-made fected. This has created a weaponry for which spares sense of vulnerability, particularly over Kashmir, where a and ammunition are not Pakistani-supported seces-sionist uprising is severely available, except on the inter-

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stantly threatens war. India needs to find regional friends and end its reputation as a regional bully in order to focus resources where they are deemed to be most needed. The first steps have included reaching out to China and patching up a trade dispute with Nepal. The govemment has also authorised naval manoeuvres in the Indian Ocean with Australia. Malaysia and Indonesia, and it has agreed that its navy will co-ordinate communications equipment with the US navy. inconceivable when Delhi and Moscow were such close

straining resources and con-

While Washington welcomes such changes, it is not rushing into a new relationship with India. It is willing to forget India's rejection of its many friendly overtures in the past, but at a price. It might, for example, insist on restraints in India's nuclear programme.

This is a crucial of for India, however, given that which means it must swallow

spending to satisfy organ-isations such as the International Monetary Fund. Delhi is acutely aware that its defence spending, which has increased in real terms in Pakistan and China both have a nuclear capability. most years since indepen-The Americans have advocatdence, is out of step with ed a regional accord on world developments. nuclear restraint along lines proposed by Nawaz Sharif,

the Pakistani prime minister, which Delhi rejected

Since independence, Del-

hi's foreign policy has been based primarily on a plat-

form of anti-colonialism,

anti-apartheid and non-alignment. India was once

highly respected as a leading

spokesman for the Third

World, but domestic political

instability and its confused

position over the Gulf war

From an outsider's view-

point, India has been domi-

nated in recent years by caste wars, religious battles, seces-sionist strife, collapsed gov-

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problems. These perceptions have further reduced its inter-

national standing. The minis-

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generally accepts that India has a diminished internation-

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have reduced its stature.

The consequent need to reduce regional tensions is one reason for its overtures to China, with which it fought a brief border war in 1962. Peking, however, is keeping its distance, and the border

question remains in dispute. The United States has indicated that it is willing to sell certain defence systems to India, but if the price is concessions from Delhi on the nuclear question, it may be too high. There are many in India who believe that sovereignty on this question is too fundamental to bargain

ne Indians still hope. nevertheless, to supplant Pakistan as Washington's principal ally in south Asia. They have reasons for optimism. since Pakistan has lost American aid over its nuclear programme, and is no longer: needed as a conduit for. policy has given way to a practical approach based on sending American arms to the Afghan mujahedin. Additionally. America is suspi-India needs international cious about Pakistan's desire for Islamic solidarity with countries such as Iran. Washington has gone out of its way to praise India's economic reforms, and it has studiously avoided strong criticism over human rights

In Delhi, the external aifairs ministry has taken its lead from Narasimha Rao. the prime minister, in devis-ing practical policies for the future. India for the first time sees its interest best served by developing sound relation-ships with the West.

State television views new enemy in the sky

hen a satellite dish suddenly appeared on the Indian during the Gulf war all talk of banning satellite television ended. The dish, tuned in to CNN, signalled a broadcasting revolution that raises unsettling questions for Doordarshan, the govern-ment-controlled television

network (Christopher Thomas writes). The network will lose only a small proportion of its vast andience, since few can aff-ord a dish, or even the modest cost of hooking up to satellite television by cable. There could be a significant loss of advertising revenue, however, which would deal a severe blow to an organis-

ation strapped for funds.
Much of Doordarshan's
advertising is for luxury
items: perfumed soaps.
washing machines and other goods that only the relatively prosperous can buy. These are the very people who are turning to satellite and cable television. leaving Doordarshan for the poor, who like soap operas. leaving

At the same time, the arrival of foreign television has heightened criticism of the indigenous product. Newspaper television reviewers have rarely been more critical of Doordarshan, although there was high praise for its prodism in bringing results from the general election last May and June.

Satellite systems are shaking up

broadcasting The speed, accuracy and

sults were up to inter-national standards. Every government tinely promises to free Doordarshan from government control, but none has Short of money, the network

analysis of the incoming re-

shows many repeats. dearth of new programmes is bureaucratic inertia. There is a large backlog of pro-gramme proposals waiting to be examined — 5,000 of them according to one

Doordarshan has produced some highly-praised block-husters including including busters. Mahabharata, a hugely popular serial which brought much of India to a standstill once a week. Although those able to afford a set are a small minority, television reaches practically every area of the country. Scores of people squat in the dust vision set in the pocrest of

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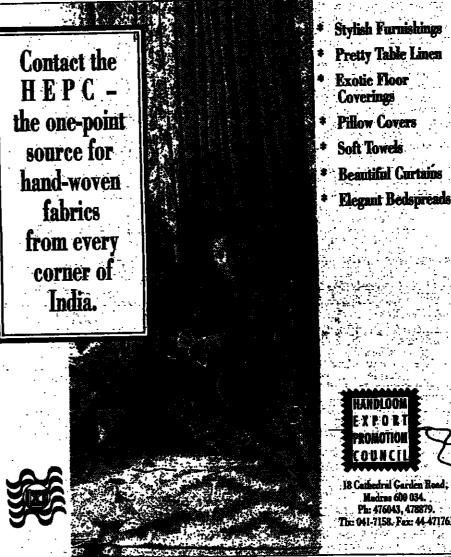
case, never see it. Among the westernised elite, however, the impact has been enormous. BBC documentaries. are hugely popular. A package of cable fed satellite programmes can be purchased for little more than 13 a.

month in Delhi. The cultural invasion worries many. There has been criticism by MPs of MIV, the American pop video channel, which is popular among the young. Others, however, argue that India has had enough of censorship, particularly of news

ndian-made, satellite dishes are selling as fast as they can be produced. In the four main cities, Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras, at least 350,000 households are connected to satellite television by cable. The Hong Kong-based Star television brings five channels to India, including the BBC World Service, through the ASIASAT satellite.

Proposals to bolster Doordarshan by allowing private operators to start regional channels and lease a channel in the main cities may not work because advertising is likely to be creamed off by foreign

The satellite invasion also raises questions about the started in recent years as an alternative to Doordarshan's censored news.



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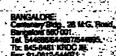


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subcontinent of India encompasses a diversity of nature, cultures, languages and architecture, ranging from ancient Hindu rock temples to medieval Muslim mausoleums and the colonial Gothic structures of the British Raj.

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Such is the attraction of the country that 44 per cent of its tourists are repeat visitors. Nevertheless, the number of visitors about 1.32 million last year — is modest considering the country's size and the wide variety of attracvisit tiny Singapore than India. whose share of the world's tourist. traffic is less than 0.4 per cent. The silver lining is that the stay in India is longer than elsewhere, averaging almost a month.

For years, travel brochures pro-moted the Taj Mahal at Agra, and little else. The magnificent marble monument continues to be the strongest magnet for visitors, but there is much more to India than that. Delhi, Agra and Jaipur make "the golden triangle", which is the most popular route. This is usually extended to include stopovers at Udaipur, the lake city in Rajasthan, Aurangabad and Bombay, the commercial centre, to the southwest. Visitors can also take the route east to Khajuraho, with its well-preserved temples. Varana-si, the holy city on the banks of the Ganges, and Kathmandu in

Goa, the former Portuguese ter-ntory in western India, is dotted

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beach resorts. More beaches are
now being "discovered", however,
along the coasts of Tamil Nadu
and Kerala and on the Lakshadweep islands, although the infrastructure for tourists has still not

been fully developed.

A visit to south India usually includes the ruins of the ancient Vijayanagar kingdom at Hampi in Karnataka, Mysore, famous for its silks, sandalwood and palaces, and the rock sculptures of Mamal-

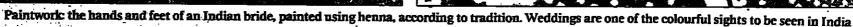
The desert state of Rajasthan, in western India, has its own charm. The camel and cattle fairs are thronged by an endless mass of colourfully dressed men and women, there are fairytale palaces and forts, many of which have been converted into hotels, and the handicrafts are exquisite.

The "Palace on Wheels" excursion offers a journey through Rajasthan on a luxury train made up of the saloons of former maharajas, in which every passenger has a personal attendant.

The many wildlife sanctuaries are another tourist attraction. They are found in different parts of the country, and the visitor can see lions, tigers, elephants and rhinoceroses close up.

India has always been a shopper's paradise, and because of the favourable exchange rate; the pound goes a long way. Carpets, gems, silver ornaments, ivory, tra-ditional paintings and silks can be picked up cheaply, so long as the visitor masters the art of bargaining and does not rely on go-





bounds: Kashmir and Punjab. For those looking for substitutes for Kashmir's scenic splendour, in which the Himalayas line the horizon, Leh and Manali to the immediate east and Sikkim and Darjeeling in the northeast offer spectacular alternatives, although none is as easily accessible as Kashmir, which has a beauty all its

Extremist violence in India is largely restricted to the two border states, something not often understood in the West. Negative percep-

Two troubled areas are out of tions abroad, coupled with the Gulf war, contributed to a bad tourist season last year. However, according to O.P. Ahuja, president of the Indian Association of Tour Operators, "violence in India has been blown out of all proportion". Ironically, last year was designated the year of the tourist, but it did not do

> Madhavrao Scindia, the new minister for tourism, is confident that 1992 will be a different story. Mr Scindia is a scion of the royal house of Gwalior state, and his family was among the first to

much for the industry.

convert one of its old palaces at Gwalior to a luxury hotel. He wants to end the red tape that intimidates

many visitors. He is also the minister of civil aviation, and a more challenging task is to ensure that Indian Airlines, the domestic carrier, which is notorious for its skewed schedules, runs its services on time.

British links with India go back a long way, which explains why British tourists outnumber those from any other country, account-ing for 17.7 per cent of tourists. A journey to India requires thoughtful planning. The month must be chosen carefully. April, May and June can be uncomfortably hot. The period from October to March is the best both because of the climate and because several colourful festivals are held then.

Western visitors need time to adjust to the climate, the leisurely pace and the noisy rhythm of life in India. For some, the squalor and the smells can be unbearable. For others, this is more than compensated for by the hospitality, the colours, the varied cuisine and the





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From Dum-Dum to dumbfounded

Dum-Dum, where the bullet of that name was invented - to the city centre is a journey through the back warrens of an amazing and terrifying place. There is nodirect route. The taxi mean-ders through back-alley Calcutta, giving visitors a foretaste of what to expect from India's most loved and most hated metropolis (Chris-

Calcutta is the only place in India where hand-pulled rickshaws are allowed. Attempts to ban them were greeted with furious protests by the pullers themselves. They jar their feet in potholes

topher Thomas).

Calcutta is a shock but has

a culture all its own

during the monsoon, and collapse from fatigue in the cruel summer, but work is work, and without it in Calcutta there is only the gutter.

The result is that traffic moves as tast as the slowest rickshaw, of which there are countless thousands dashing precariously through the world's greatest traffic jams. The contrast when you

enter the city's air-condition-

chaos outside is startling. Piped music, polished floors and outrageously expensive Black Label whisky — the tipple of the elite — take the place of some of the worst

poverty anywhere. To many, Calcutta is summed up by its poverty and grime. Bengalis, however, find this offensive, and point to the other Calcutta, a city of rich culture, a long history and infinite kindness. This is the city of Rabindranath Tagore, and of many other writers from Bengal's literary

Where else are ordinary people to be found in the parks conducting impromptu readings of their poetry? In the Maidan, a great sweep of green in the city centre, men sit every day on the grass discussing politics and inter-national affairs.

People who know Calcutta well often prefer it to Delhi and Bombay, which have subsumed their natural characters into Western styles. In Calcutta, the telephones do not work, the water out of the taps is brown, the electricity is off more often than on, and the summer climate is unbearable. But the city has retained its own distinct

or all that, Calcutta is a warning to other cities, for its problems can largely be summed in one word: overpopulation. People have poured in, not just from rural West Bengal, but from the neighbouring states of Bihar and Orissa and further

The city was founded by the British and was for a long time their capital, as several imposing monuments, such as the Victoria Memorial and St Paul's cathedral, show. Now, in this town long ruled by communists, the law of the jungle is the one that counts. One reason for the poverty

is that at partition in 1947 the jute mills that gave Calcutta a relative prosperity were deprived of their jute. which had come from what is now Bangladesh. The other is communism. Some of India's big industrial houses were scared away by the tactics of trade unions, backed by the state government. Both have moderated

their ways. Calcutta is acutely sensitive to foreign criticism, reflected in Calcutta's ambivalent attitude to Mother Teresa. While her good works are much applauded, many Bengalis feel that the world sees only one image of Calcutta: the slum, the leper, the dying child, the rubbish heaps, and























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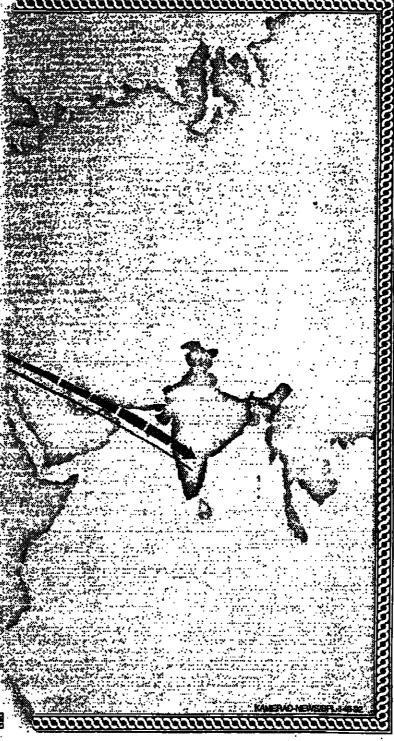
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9.00 News summary (7534854) followed by Racing: The Morning Line

9.30 Listening Eye. An exploration of the lack of communication

10.00 The Big 8. Action from last year's wheelchair baskstball tournament from Poncis Forge, Sheffield (1) (46583)

10.30 Film: Rose Marie (1936, b/w) starring Jeanetts MacDonald, Nelson Eddy and James Stewart. An opera star hopes to find her

1.05 This is York (b/w). The city seen from its main line station during

between the deaf community and the parents of deaf children and

what the National Deaf Children's Society is doing about it (r)

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Bung. Fun and games (s) (9965729) 7.45 The Jetsons. Spece age cartoon series (r) (8445816) 8.05 Eggs 'n' Baker. Cheryl Baker with a hen party breakfast recipe (s) (7776922) 8.35 Thurndercuts. Feline cartoon adventures (r)

9.00 Going Live! presented by Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield. The guests include Nicola Stephenson and Clive Moore from Brookside, comedian Mickey Hutton, Emma Forbes with a feature on Caribbean cooking and Paula Denziger reviewing books (s) (70989835) 12.12 Weather (5357670)

12.15 Grandstand introduced by Stave Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.20 Footbalk a preview of the FA Cup fourth round metches; 1.05 News; 1.25 Sliding: the men's downhill from Wengen in Switzerland; 2.00 and 2.35 Basketball: Roland Kingston v Leicester Riders in the NatWest Trophy final from Birmingham 3.05 Rugby League: Leeds v Ryedale York in the first round of the Silk Cut challenge cup 3.50 Football: half-time scores 4,00 Ice Skating: European figure skating championships from Lausanne, Switzerland 4.35 Final Score (90809941)

5.05 News and weather (1425941) 5.15 Regional News and sport (7780583). Wales: (to 5.50) Wales on

5.20 One To Win, Last in the series of the trivia game show hosted by Andrew O'Connor (Cesfax) (s) (7503496)
5.50 Noel's House Party. Noel Edmonds throws the doors open for

more resistible fun featuring the Lyric Game, Gotcha Oscar and Grab a Grand (s) (784699) 6.40 Big Break. Snooker and general knowledge quiz hosted by Jim Davidson with John Virgo. Neal Foulds, Tony Knowles and David

Taylor help the contestants. (Ceelax) (s) (963748)
7.10 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. Take part in tonight's show by using a six-inch-square piece of thin paper. The spec from Japan, Fukai and the Amazing Sanada (Ceefax) (s) (209903)



Guided by the stars: John Michie and Millicent Martin (7.55pm)

7.55 Moon and Son: Where No Birds Sing. After a bright start the astrological thriller series is showing signs of sinking into a Bergerac torpor but better luck this week as the Moons uncover a tale of recklessness and evil on a tranquil hillside in Kent. Starring Millicent Martin and John Michie. (Ceefax) (s) (747748)

8.50 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Sport and weather (976859) 9.10 That's Life! Consumer affairs investigations presented by Esther Rantzen. (Ceefax) (228545) 9.50 Midnight Celler: Old Friend. When a friend dies in one of San

Francisco's respected convalescent homes, Jack Killian (Gary Cole) discovers the fine line between mercy and murder. (s)

10.40 Match of the Day: The Road To Wembley. Desmond Lynam introduces the highlights from three FA Cup fourth round ties. Commentary by Gerald Sinstadt, John Molson and Tony Gubba (7089090)oth Talk (1985) Laura Dem stars as a teenager who

longs for independence from her strict parents but finds herself at the mercy of the enigmatic Treet Williams. A perceptive first feature on the pains of growing up by the documentary director Joyce Chopra. (Ceefax) (113125)

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8.45 Open University (12890309) 11.05 I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing. Last programme in the series about voice coach lan Adam (r) (8449106)

11.45 Just Another Day. John Pitman visi Europe's busiest railway terminus (r) (445380)

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12.15 Film: Room Service (1938, b/w) Lucille Ball and Ann Miller star in a lesser Marx Brothers comedy about a bankrupt stage manage who attempts to put on a play without any money. Directed by William A. Seiter (702187) 1.30 Plano Lessons. A teenager is given a piano for his birthday and

discovers that it has an appetite (39236309)

1.45 Heirs and Graces. Lady Victoria Leatham visits Hatfield House, Hertfordshire, home of the Marquess and Marchioness of Selisbury

twork East. Shvama Perera celebrates the work of Asian photographers. Last in the series (715651)

Mahabherat. Episode 80 of the Indian epic. In Hindi with English

subtitles (2598748) 3.25 Animation Now. Augusta - clay animation from Hungary (4520922)

3.35 Film: Witness for the Prosecution (1958, b/w) sterring Charles Laughton, Tyrone Power and Marlene Dietrich, High octane court room drama based on the Agatha Christie play, with flamboyant performances by Dietrich as the wife of the alleged killer and Laughton as the defence lawyer. Directed by Billy Wilder (571854) 5.30 Late Agein. Highlights from the week's The Late Show (s)(768293)

6.15 News with Moira Stuart. Sport and weather 6.30 Global Report

CHOICE: Faithful viewers of the BBC Everyman series may recall an edition of 1984 featuring a Bangalore newspaper editor, R.R. Sethuram. He was on the point of retiring and giving up his work and family for the contemplative life of a Sanyassim or holy man. He decided that he was not then ready but was co that one day he would take the path of Senyass and not look back. Global Report returns to Sethuram and follows up the story. It charts his spiritual development against the backdrop of the awfi events that have shaken India in the past decade, notably the assessinations of Indira and Ranjiv Gandhi. Perhaps paradoxically growing concern with the troubles of the material world leads Sethuram increasingly towards retreat from it. One man's agonising choice, told movingly in his own words, becomes a

reflection of the choices facing India Itself. (602941)
7.10 Torteller Masterclass. Paul Torteller guides Clive Greensmith and Hans Nygaard through Dvorak's Cello Concerto in B minor (r) (125477)

8.00 Arena: Billy, How Did You Do It? Final programme in which Billy Wilder looks back on his career. On the agenda are Witness for the Prosecution, Some Like It Hot and The Apartment (7496)

9.00 Moving Pictures. Tonight's programme includes an interview with Percy Adion, the German director of Bagdad Café, and a look at



Artistic designs on a curvaceous figure: Jack Palance (9.50 mm)

9.50 Film: Bacdad Café (1988)

● CHOICE: Channel 4 viewers will know Bagdad Cafe as at sembly line sitcom about two women in a desert diner. But as usual the spin-off pales before the original, in this case a quirkily humorous film by the German director Percy Adlon. Marianne Sagebrecht plays an amply built Bavarian dumped by her husband in the Arizona desert. Left with nothing but her husband's suitcess she seeks refuge in the Bagdad Care, a shabby motal and gas station owned by a black woman (C.C.H. Pounder) whose marriage has also run into trouble. The film is not quite the feminis tract that this summary might suggest but it is a still an acute study of two abandoned women making the best of life. The other plot strand is deliciously provided by the veteran Jack Palance, as a Hollywood set designer who is so inspired by the German visitor's curvaceous figure that he becomes determined to paint it in the

11.20 Film: (Cestax) (0c2917)

11.20 Film: Ace in the Hole (b/w, 1951). Billy Wilder at his cynical best with the tale of a newspaper reporter (Kirk Douglas) who exploits a mirring tragedy for the scoop that will revive his career. (Cestax) (368309). Ends at 1.15am

6.00 TV-am (6349038) 9.25 Motormouth presented by Neil Buchanan, Andy Crane, Steve Johnson and Gaby Roslin. Among the guests are Terry Nutkins and the Pasadenes (18238477)

11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The Vintage Video features Swing Out Sister with "Breakout" (s) (92293) 12:30 The Munsters Today. Remake of the classic American comedy

series (31926) 1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather (39522854) 1.05 LWT News and weather (39521125)

1.10 Saint & Greevsie. Ian and Jimmy preview this weekend's FA Cup fourth round ties and the cup matches in Scotland (1996922) 1.55 The Day (65017564) 2.00 Std Tips. A visit to the Wild West of America where people ak

wearing cowboy hats (r) (8038) estones, Cottages and Castles. David Young and his dog Oliver tour the south west of Britain discovering exciting places and tascinating people (390)
3.00 Film: Rock, Rock, Rock (1956) starring Tuesday Weld, Alan

Freed and Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers, Musical tale of a schoolgirl who has to earn enough money to buy an outfit for the school prom. Directed by Will Price (97246729) 4.35 Cartoon Time 4.45 Results Service presented by Elton Welsby (4749748)

5.00 News with Sue Carpenter and Weather (7689800) 5.05 LWT News and weather (1427309) 5.10 Sharpt Pat Sharp is joined by singer Lisa Stansfield and Ame footballer John Horton of the London Monarchs (s) (1416293)

5.25 Baywatch. David Hassehoff gets the chance to save more bronzed beach beauties (Oracle) (s) (7034787) Blind Date. Cife Black plays cupid to more eager hopefuls and finds out how the couples from last week fared on their dates Oracle) (478903)

7.15 Barrymore. Lanky comic Michael Barrymore tries to make stars of ordinary people (s) (226570)



Investigating a Greek tragedy: James Grout, John Thaw (8.00pm)

8.00 Inspector Morse: Greeks Bearing Gifts. Morse (John Thaw) investigates a murder in Oxford's Greek community and suspects a connection with the scholars of ancient Greece at the university. With Kevin Whately, James Hazeldine and Martin Jervis (r)(Oracle)

10.90 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather (144187) 19.15 LWT Weather

(692390) 10.20 Aspel & Company. Michael Aspel's guests are James Bolam, felvyn Bragg and Geraldine James (608293)

11.10 Tour of Duty. American drama series about a group of raw conscripts on duty during the Vietnam war (270729) am Passengers. New series which explores some of the great cities of the world. Tonight an inside view of Stockholm (4602336) 12.40 WCW Pro Wrestling. More pitching and tossing from America

1.40 New Music. Denise Donlan and Jana Lynne White with celebrity interviews and pop videos (214404)

2.45 Bhangra Beat. Live music from the singer Mangal at the Dome in Birmingham (10572)

3.15 American College Football. Perdue v Michigan (235997) 4.10 The Hit Man And Her. Disco sounds and fashion presented by Peta Watermari and Michaela Strachan (s) (78937/5). 5.30 ITN Morning News (48775). Ends at 6.00

1.05 This is York (b/w). The city seen from its main line station during an autumn day in 1953-(t) (61968496)

1.30 Film: I Wonder Who's Klesing Her Now (1947) starting June Haver and Mark Stevens. Romanticised biopic of the songwriter Joe Howard. Directed by Lloyd Becon (27670)

3.30 Film: Buchenan Rides. Alone (1958) starting Randolph Scott. Crisply-handled 8 western about an adventurer who rides into a great hourter trans and finds introduced at the march of a host mate. small border town and finds himself at the mercy of a lynch mob. Small border town and impa minser at the mercy of a synch mob.
Directed by Budd Boetticher (601729):

5.05 Brookside Omnibus (f) {Teletext} (s) (1509941)

6.30 Right to Reply with Sheena McDonald. A viewer complains about the Thames Television programme The Truth About Women being transmitted at three in the morning. (Teletext) (s) (903)

7.00 A Week in Politics. Vincent Flanna and Andrew Rawnsley review the week's political news. Includes the environment minister Michael Portilio about the poli tax being replaced by the Council tax; and a report on what Labour will do with the House of Lords if they win the general election (3815)



Reliving the past Joanne Woodward, John Malkovich (8.00pm)

8.00 Files: The Glass Menagerie (1987). Powerful acting by Joanne Woodward and John Malkovitch in the third screen version of Tennessee Williams's play about a feding southern belie trying to instill confidence in her crippled daughter. Directed by Paul 10.30 Elayne Boosler - Broadway Beby. The stand-up comedianne's

second special (7083816)

1.40 Files: Brute Force (1947, b/w) CHOICE: A season of prison movies opens with Jules Dassin's compelling finite; in which Burt Lancaster leads a revolt against the sadistic regime of warden Hume Cronyn, The film was part of a post-war trend in Hollywood towards greater realism in subject and setting, which was taken a step further by Dassin in his ideation-shot police film Naked City. Bruts Force is hardly a documentary. There is too much melodrama and artifice for that But it is an intelligent attempt to come to gripe with the brutalising effect of power, while presenting a depth of characterisation that lifts the film above the routine level of plot and action. The screenplay by Richard Brooks, lear to direct *The Blackboard Lungle* and *Elmer Cahtry*, also goes beyond the walls of the prison to introduce us to the women who wait on the outside. This is a ak and unyiekting film, far removed from standard Hollywood gloss (795699)

gloss (75569)

1.30mn American Football — Red 42 (s) (i) (96064)

2.00 The Word. The guests include Boy Secree Stress C Connor and Jah Wobble (r) (s) (4591-25). Ends at 2.56

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plug a leak in the Bureau (32482/75)
4.00 Pretty Woman (1990): Fainy-tale
romance starring Julia Roberts and Richard
Gere (822317). Ends at 5.55

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as the scheming lovers (311313)
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the Chicago White Sox: beselvel isem
scandal of 1919 (993355)
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WORLD SERVICE

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Solomon; Philhermonia);
Schoenberg (The obbligato recitative, Five Orchestral Pieces, Op 16: Chicago SO);
Tchalkovsky (Symphony No 4 in F minor. Chicago SO)
4.00 Turning Up; Chris de Souza tallos to the violinist knzyszkof Smietana and planist lain Burnaida who play works by Mozart and Bartók.
5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith
5.45 Third Opinion, with
Christopher Cook, Kate
McLusky and Peter Kemp Xementi (Sonata quas Concerto, Op 33 No 3: 7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Johann Sfrauss, son (Frühlingsstümmen: Vienna PO under Will Boskonsky); Faure (Réve d'amour; Après un réve: Janet Baker, mezzo-sograno, Geoffrey Parsons, piano); Tchaikovsky (Pano Concerto No 1 in B flat minor, Op 23; Ivo Pogorelich; LSO under Claudio Abbado) Johann Strauss, son

8.35 Bratims (Two Songs for alto, viola and piano, Op 91; Viola Sonata in F minor, Op 120 No 1; Uber die See, Op 69 No 7; Abendregen, Op 70 No 4; Auf dem See, Op 59 No 2; Im Garten am Seegestade, Op 70 No 1: Mitsuko Shirai, enger, Tabea Zimmemmann, viola, Plovel Exchange in Manchester
6.30 Live from the Met: L Elisir Tabea Zimmermerin, viola, Hartmut Höli, plano) 9.30 Saturday Review, with Richard Osborne. Record Review —

Chung's recording of Messiaen's Turangalit Messisen's Turangalità Symphony with the Basilie Orchestra: new records of Renaissance choral music from Renaissance Sparr; Hilliard Ensemble); Scarlatti (Sonatas in D, Kk 118 and 119. Andreas Stater, harpsichord): Haydn (String Quartet in E flat, Op 33 No 2. The Joke: Bingham Quarter);
Tornkins (When David Heard;
O Sing unto the Lord a New
Song: Talks Scholars under
Peter Philips); Messikani
(Turangalia Symphony:
Bashille Orchestra under baton is Marcello Panni.
There's an opera quiz, with prizes, in the interval at 7.40
9.10 Piping the Blues: On Burns right, Sydney Anglo explores the marcelled in the processing the proc

Myung-Whun Chung) 12.55pm Words. Maurice Ke Soper reflects on language and its usage 1.05 Violin and Piano: Frank Pater

Smetana (Vitava, Má vlast: Chicago Symphony Orchestra), Brahms (Piano Concerto No 1 in D minor: Solomon, Philitermonia);

Christopher Cook, Kate
McLusicy and Peter Kemp
review Angels in America at.
London's National Theetre;
The Gulf Between Us at the
West Yorkshire Payhouse;
and Sidewalk Sidney at the

d'Amore

CHOICE: Accepting the fa
that nothing can wholly
compensate us for being compensate us for being denied the chance to hear Pavarotti sing the role of Nemorino at Covent Garden this spring as planned, we must be grateful for tonight's emollient — a clirect transmission of Donizetti's comic opera from the New York Met which saw Caruso's Nemorino many times. Pavarotti shares the starring honours lonight with Kathle Battle's Adina, Juan Pons's Belcore, and Paul Pilshios's Or Dulcamara. The man with the

the recorded legacy of the begpiper Jamie McGee 9.30 James Dick: The planist plays Weber (Sonata No 2 in A flat, Op 39): Persichetti (Sonata No 2 in B flat, Op 83) ir) 10.30 Late Haydn (String Quartet in F, Op 77 No 2; String Quartet in D miner Op 103: Statemen

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O Any Questions? Jonathen Dirableby is joined in Didcot, Oxfordshire, by Shielar McKechnie, Barbness Blackstone, Lord Jenkins of Hillinisid and William Waldegrave, MP. (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast News; Any Answers? (771-580 4411. Fing Jonathan Dirableby with your views on the issues 2.00 N 4417. Fing Jonathan Dimbleby with your views on the issues raised in Any Cuestions?

2.30 Setunday Playhouse: Rotand's Afferite. Frederick Brachum's play stard Derek Flowids as Rotand, whose vision of heli during his "death", leads to his search for the meening of the (s)

3.45 Caté Society: Nick Swingler reflects on the history of the

reflects on the history of the calls as the ideal environment for creative transling.

4.00 News, The Art of Travel: Ametia Kobak invites havelers to reflect on a journey. In 1939, 18-year-oid Patrick Leigh Fermor walked from the Hook of Holland to

Constantinople (4 of 5)
4.30 Science Now: As part of Radio.
4's Northern Lights testival. Alun Lewis reports on the superiences of British students on a science summer

5.25 Family Fortunes (4 of 6) (1)

5.39 Need Engag (s) (c)
6.59 At Lib; Robert Robinson
eaveadrops on conversations
around the country
7.20 Kelschoopper Levinson's
Touch; Nigel Andrews traces
the career of the film director
Barry Levinson, whose credits
include Diner, Rain Marr and
the forthcoming Bugsy (s).
7.50 Classic Serial: The Behothed
Last of a four-part
dramatisation of Alessandro
Monzari's novel (s)
8.50 Only Connect: Professor Alder
Ahmed telles to Swarj Paul (4
of 6) (s) (f)
9.20 Music in Mind (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten, fed by the Rev Dr
John Newbon (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.16 Northern Lights: Cold
Components on the

programmes on the Cucumpoint Arctic, Daniel Snowmen asks how for the comforts of the south have eroded the social fabric of the far north (s) 10.45 For He Is an Englishmen: Two

in One. Charles Amoid Beker gives the fourth of six autobiographical talks11.00 Richard Baker Compares
Notes with repetiteure David
Syrus and Mertin Isapp (s) (r)
11.30 The Nick Revell Show

• CHOICE: The reason you ecisode of the sitcom series

programmes. The simple explanation is that radio cornedy, like radio drams or

are reading this reasonably favourable preview of the first written by and featuring Revell is that The Times a radio listings have been accused of ignoring new comedy programmes. The simple

documentary or music, is not recommended unless it deserves it. Flevel's feunching

oceaves it. Flevell's teurching spisode merits a mention because, like Hencock's half hours, it entertainingly exploits failure. Revell has a geaminm that takes to film. The symbolism will not be lost on similar non-achievers (s).

19200-12-Qaam Nows, and 12-20.

Weather 12-33 Shipping 12-43.

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5.00 What it . ? Tam Daiyel, MP and Professor Neil McCornick apposed to what might have happened had the 1979 referendum led to a Scottish national sessonibly (a) (t) F, Op 77 No 2, String Quarter in F, Op 77 No 2, String Quarter in D minor, Op 103: Salomon String Quarter!

11.10 Confrasts: in the first of three programmes, Langham Chember Orchestra under Nicholas Ciechus performs John Adams (Shaker Loops); Kenneth Leighton (Concerto for String Orchestra) Zimmermann, violin, Alexander Lonquich, prano, perform Brahms (Scherzo in C minor, FAE Sonata), Ravel (Sonata in _CAPITALS G), Beethoven (Sonata in F. Op 24, Spring) Rafael Kubelik. The fourth of FREQUENCIES: Badio 1: 10534tz/225m: 10894stz/275m:FM-97.599.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 12154tz/ 247m; FM-90.292.4. Radio 4: 1984tz/1515m:FM-92.494.8. Badio 5: 6934tz/433m; 2094tz/830m; LBC, 11524tz/261m; FM, 97.3. Capitals: 1548tfz/194m; FM, 95.6. GLR: 1458ttz/205m; FM-94.5. World Service: NW 648ttz/465m. 2.05 Ra Preser allow up in 21 days for defects. We large to be able to make a cases; of traffice cacreeing rifers from reputable companies – if one prefer not as receive such offers please unit to Carnell Lul. At the above authors.

TOM/25/01 13 programmes tracing the career of the Czech conductor features recordings made between 1951 and 1953 12.00 No 7.20 Film: Taczan's Secret Treasure (1941, b/w) starring Johnny Weissmuller. The jungle hero tangles with an expedition looking for America cold. Directed by Richard Thorpe (5039220)

Amazon gold. Directed by Richard Thorpe (503920)

8.40 The Four Great Seasons. David Bellamy's series on the effect of the elements on the dates of the north of England (r) (6761442).

9.10 News and weather (4368201) 9.15 Getting Through. A portrait of Fr Nicholae Posterhwaite who has worked with the young of Toxteth, Liverpool, for the last 20 years (r) (7702607) 9.30 This is the Day. A visit to a Christian nursery school in Stockport (15201) 10.90 See Hearl Magazine series for the fearing Impaired (71442). Wales: Into Print 10.30 Deutsch Direkti German-for-beginners (r) (1869442). Wales: Skillshop 10.55 Advice Shop Extrat Consumer active from Helen Madden (7400539)

11.00 The Training Hour beginning with into Print. Eye-catching graphics (r) (6152). Wales: (to 12.30). See You Sunday 11.30 Skillshop. Advice on jobs and training (s) (9881)

12.00 Bazzar. Nervs Hughes with fishion, cookery and gardening advice (r) (6911133) 12.25 Experiment! How to make an electric motor (5256997).

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12.30 Country File: Rural issues examined by John Creven (6376959).

Wales: Farming in Wales 12.55 Weather (72479539)

1.00 News (39491930) followed by On the Record. The shadow leader

 News (39491930) followed by On the Record. The shadow leader of the House, Jack Cumningham, discusses with Jonathan Dimbleby the Labour party's commitment to electoral reform (2024220) 2.00 EastEnders (1) (Ceefax) (8) (72171)
 On Match of the Day — The Road to Weabley. Desmond Lynam introduces five coverage of the FA Cup fourth round match between Chelsea and Everton at Stamford Bridge (16183678)
 The Clothes Show. The Princess Royal, as president of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council: presents this year's awards . Knitting and Clothing Export Council, presents this year's awards to companies who have achieved success overseas (s) (7495423) 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. Hugh Scully and the team of experts visit Enniskillen. (Ceetax) (139997)

6.15 Lifeline. An appeal by actor Torn Conti on behalf of the Howard League for Penal Reform. (Ceefax) (565794)
6.25 News with Chris Lowe. Weather (576775)
6.40 Songs of Praise from Skegness where the Salvation Army is hoking a "Fellowship Week" (317.133)
7.15 'Alio! 'Alio! It is Renés birthday and among the surprises are a car from Edith, a wink from Fifter and a bomb from the Resistance. (Ceefax) (5) (553341)

(Ceefax) (s) (653341) 7.45 Lovejoy. The regulate antiques dealer, still madily in love, is persuaded to go sailing and decides to pop the question. Starring lan McShane and Joanna Lumley; (Ceefax) (s) (410220)



Laid back romance: Geoffrey Palmer and Judi Dench (8.35pm)

8.35 As Time Goes By. Likeable romantic comedy starring Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer as former lovers who meet again after 38 years and wonder if they have enough in common to re-kindle the romance. (Ceefax) (s) (614404)

9.10 A Time to Dance. The final episode of Melvyn Bragg's controversial adaptation of his novel about illicit love and jealousy

in the Lake District. Starring Ronald Pickup and Dervia Kirwan (434881)

10.05 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather (503688)

10.20 Everyman: Entertaining Angels.

● CHOICE: A report from Leeds takes its text from Hebrews: "Be not torgetful to ententein strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares". The subjects of this film would not claim to be angels, though this could be a fair description of those who entertain them. Nightstop is an ecumenical church-based initiative to help the young homeless. Families offer these young people an evening meal and a bed for the night. Sadly, there is no lack of customers. The film focuses on two. One was abused at lack of cristomers. The film tocuses on two, whe was autosed as home and ran away from care. The other is the victim of his parents' broken marriage. No one knows better than the people who run it that Nightstop is only sticking plaster, temporarily covering the wound in the hope of longer-term freatment. But it is a victous circle. Because the youngsters have no homes, they cannot cet lobe. Without a lob they cannot afford a place of their cannot get jobs. Without a job they cannot afford a place of the ex) (337065)

11.00 The Nobel Century. The final programme on the series tracing the history of the Nobel prize (914423)

11.50 Mahabharat (r) (703539) 12.30am Weather (6341795)

7.25 But First This on 2. Children's programmes beginning with Hallo Spencer (r) (9056201) 7.45 Playdays (r) (s) (8330930) 8.05 Two By Two. The wildlife of Sherwood Forest (r) (1056607) 8.20 Baber. By Two. The witdite of Sherwood Forest (r) (1056607) 8.20 Babar. Adventures of a young elephant (9159794) 8.45 Telling Tales. Ancient stories with a modern message (7037355) 9.00 The Legend of Prince Vallant. Fantasy adventures of a Vilang prince (r) (a) (6006591) 9.25 Blue Peter Omnibus (4305572) 10.15 Defenders of the Earth. Cartoon (r). (Ceefax) (3005881) 10.40 Strangers. Drama serial (r). (Ceefax) (1863268) 11.05 Boxpops. A look at holidays (8343978) 11.45 The O-Zone. Pop music magazine (s) (7074355)

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12.30 Filtre: Five Graves to Cairo (1943) starring Franchot Tone and Anne Baxter. The Billy Wilder season continues with his polished second world spy drama set in north Africa. Tone plays the survivor of a British tank craw and there is a screen-stealing performance by Erich von Stroheim as Rommel (55644030)

2.05 European Figure Skating Championships. The medal-winning performances from the past week's competition (9901865)

3.00 Film: Battlestar Galactica. (1979) staming Lorie Greene. In talkelight account to Strettlestar the survival of the strength of t

3.00 Film: Battlester Galactics. (1979) starring Lone Greene. In television's answer to Star Wars the survivors of an attack by the Cycloris gather on board the remaining battlester and go in search of their home planet, Earth. Directed by Richard A. Colla (72881) 5.00 Rugby Special. Highlights of the Pikington Cup fourth round games between Wasps and Harlequins and Northampton v Battle (9132). Wales: Mountain Ash v Llanelli and Pencoed v Cardiff 8.00 Skid Sunday. The men's downhall from Wengen, Switzerland (9132).

8.35 The Money Programme: Made in Britain. Jenet Bush's report on the state of British industry, based on a specially-commissioned paper from the London Business School (814030)

ners of the Sun. The second of a three-part exploration of the forces that control life on earth. (Ceelax) (571404)

8.05 Signs of the Times. Beguling series on good and bad taste in the ish home (858626) E: Get a Job. Another tale of Angs! from modern day

America (442084) 9.25 Did You See . . ? presented by Jeremy Parman. Crime writer
Mike Phillips reviews Channel 4's 297 Chub; Edwina Qurrie, MP. nperes Holiday with Wish You Were Here . . ?, and comedian Tony Slattery comments on BBC2's 40 Minutes programme The



A make-believe world: Anthony Hill, Nigel Hawthorne (10.05pm)

10.05 Film: Flee Bites (1992). ● CHOICE: Barely recognisable with his thick moustache and east European accent. Nigel Hawthorne gives a beautifully judged performance as an old Polish exile who makes an unlikely friendship with a 12-year-old boy. The lad is fascinated by the flea circus which the old man used to perform to children in a wartime concentration camp. Stephen Lowe's screenplay discreetly draws the parallels between the two characters, lonely and abandoned people both inhabiting a world of make believe as they try to come ms with an unhappy past. A potentially sombre theme is treated with warmth and humour without descending into sentimentality. As the boy, Anthony Hill proves yet again that it is possible for a youngster with no television experience to hold his own with the best. The director is Alan Dossor, whose previous credits include Michael Frayn's superb First and Last. (Ceetax) (s)

11.45 Film: Buddy, Buddy (1981). The last in the Billy Wilder season is a black comedy about a mobster's hit man whose efforts to kill are constantly hampered by a would-be suicide. Variable fare, despite the usual reliable performances from Wilder's favourite actors, Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau (Ceefax) (796978) 1.15 Rapido. Music magazine (r) (8958466)

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6.00 TV-am (6236510) 9.25 Disney Club (6897084)

10.45 Link. The role of the RNIB (2107688) 11.00 Morning Worship from the Holy Family and St Ninian's Roman Catholic church, Kirkintilloch (93152)

12.00 Encounter. The work of and pressures on carers (92662) 12.30 LWT News Weekend (6394355) 12.55 LWT Weather (72464607) 1.00 News with Nicholas Owen Weather (61041539)
1.10 Special Inquiry: Footing the Bill. Are Britain's police forces too inefficiently organised and managed to do a proper job of fighting crime? (2988775)

2.15 Sharp's Funday. Pat Sharp presents an episode of Batmar (180713) and, at 2.45 WCW Wrestling (4135626)

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2.55 Dinosaurs Puppet series (6182978)
3.25 Film: Airport '77 (1977) starring Jack Lemmon, Joseph Cotten and George Kennedy. Formula disaster movie about a hijacked simplane loaded with art treasures that collides with an oil rig in

thick fog. Directed by Jerry Jameson (16180281)

5.30 Builseye. Darts and general knowledge game (626)

6.00 Animal Country. Desmond Morris and Sarah Greene meet at albino hedgehog (s) (539)

6.30 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather (155591) 6.35 LWT News

and weather (154862)

6.40 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe visits the Isle of Wight (302201)
7.15 You've Been Framedt Jeremy Beadle with another selection of home video disasters (853369)
7.45 The Derling Buds of May. The first of a new series of the rustic

comedy drama based on the novels by H.E. Bales. Starring David Jason, Pam Ferris and Catherine Zeta Jones. (Oracle) (s) (851084) 8.45 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather (790268) 9.00 LWT W



Encountering her youthful selves: Patricia Hodge (9.05pm)

8.05 The Cloning of Joanna May. CHOICE: The team that gave us The Life and Loves of a She-Devil, including the adaptor Ted Whitehead and director Philip Saville, offer a second televisual excursion into the bizarre imagination of Fay Weldon, Patricia Hodge (also from She-Devil) is cast somewhat against her cool and elegant type as Joanna, the former wife of a rough business tycoon (Brian Cox). The marriage broke up long ago. She has a toylooy lover, he has a bimbo mistress. Everyone should be happy. But you would not expect Fay Weldon to leave it there and what emerges is a dark story of pession and murder. At its heart is Joanna's discovery that her ex has made three youthful clones of her so that he can relive his past love. It is a series likely to divide the public. Some will applicud the boldness of the theme and the relish with which it is explored. Others may feel that the tale is dotty beyond belief and nasty with t. (Oracle) (2598881)

10.35 The South Bank Show: Cecilia Bartoli. CHOICE: Introduced by Melvyn Bragg as "the most headspinning young talent to arrive on the opera scene for years", Cecitia Bartoli is a 25-year-old mezzo-soprano with the music world apparently at her feet. David Thomas's profile takes the cameras to her home city of Rome, to Venice for a recording session and to the Savoy Hotel in London for a recital. Born if not in a trunk, at least in a theatrical laundry basket, Bartoli started with the advantages of parents who were both singers and an immense natural talent. She has made a mark as a Rossini specialist and the programme uses this as an oblique peg to the composer's bicentenary which falls this year. At the same time Bartoli has shown an acute sensitivity for Mozart. Everyone in the show says very nice things about her, while acknowledging that only the next

decade will tell (s) (216133) 11.35 Hooked. A new six-part series on drugs in the 1990s (849355) 12.05cm Cue the Music. Elton John in concert (s) (3289350) 1.10 The ITY Chart Show (r) (s) (2943027)

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 2.05 Filter: Fragment of Fear (1970) starring David Hemmings. Modish, enigmatic thriller about a writer investigating the murder of his aunt in Italy. Directed by Richard C. Sarafian (668602) 3.50 Pick of the Week (r) (14584927)
 4.20 National Wave Salling Championships from Tiree, Scotland (17519553) 4.50 Adventure (87179282) 5.00 Soap (r) (22027)
 5.30 ITN Morning News (60114). Ends at 6.00

4.25 Murder C.O.D. (1990): An assessin blackmails his clients. Starring Patrick Duffy

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(947775) 2.15 Tom Alone (1990): Noem Zylb

Tom Hanks who becomes obsessed with his new neighbours (846907).

8.15 B.L. Sayvier — King of Jazz (1990): Another case for the Malibu detective (Burt Reynolds) (859171).

8.15 Blaze (1999): Loussians governer Paul Newman has a scandisious effair with a stropper (Lofita Davidovich) (111423).

10.15 Internal Affairs (1990): Cop Andy Gards investigates the criminal tendences of colleague Richard Gere (108999).

12.15em Vital Signs (1990): Hospital drama starring Jimmy Smits and Laura San Glacomo (517282).

2.00 Mackenna's Gold (1969): Gregory Peck and fellow adventurers search for gold (18782824).

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5.00 Trans World Sport. Sporting news and features (r) (27794) 7.00 Eureeka's Castle Cartoon and music for the under-fives (38369) 7.30 Star Street. Children's drama serial (82046) 8.00 The Wild Bunch. Feline pupper series (97317) 8.30 Ramona (r) (2287591) 8.55 Little Rosey. Animation (s) (6750336) 9.25 The Sword of Tipu Sultan. Indian drama serial. In Hindi with English subtitles (9846065)

10.00 Dispatches. A repeat of Wednesday's programme which

reported on the plight of the thousands of homeless children on the streets of St Petersburg growing up deprived of family life or parental influence (5711688)

10.45 Dennis. Animated adventures of a mischievous boy and his friends (1857607)

11.05 Round the Bend. Puppers and cartoons (r) (s) (4792997)
11.30 Dramarama: In the Pink, Stacey, an albino girl, is bullied at school
— until she discovers a talent for swimming (r). (Teletext) (2591) 12.00 Little House on the Prairie. Drams series about family life on the

Kansas plains during the 1880s (r) (21862)

1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. Classic underwater adventure series starring Richard Basehart as the commander of a remarkable submarine (30510)

2.00 Film: A Man for all Seasons (1965) starring Paul Scofield in his Oscar-winning role as Sir Thomas More, Wendy Hiller, Leo McKern and Robert Shaw. Impeccably crafted screen version of Robert Bolt's play about the battle of wills between More and Henry VIII Directed by Fred Zinnemann (63505959) 4.15 Cabaret. Animation (1489997)

4.25 Valued Opinion. In the third of his series on antiques collecting Max Robertson looks at miniatures in the company of Richard Allen

of Sotheby's (4405336)
4.55 News and weather (6315268)
5.00 Scottish Eye: The Tax Trap. A report on how small businesses throughout Scotland are being forced into iquidation because of over-zealous tax inspectors (6713)
5.30 Dig. Unorthodox gardening series presented by Carolyn Marshall (1) (5) (289)

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6.00 Teenage Health Freak. Comedy series along the lines of The Diary of Adrian Mole dealing with adolescent anguish (881)
6.30 The Wonder Years. Award winning comedy series about growing up in the United States during the late 1960s (r) (s) (133)
7.00 Defenders of the Wild: Rangers of Nepal. The last in the series on efforts to save endangered wilderness areas. This programme focuses on a teem of park rangers in the Bardia National Park of western Nepal that has successfully waged a war against developers and poachers threatening some of the rarest animals in the Indian sub-continent (6775)

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8.00 African Nations Cup. Africa's top 12 footballing nations in competition. Highlights of the earlier games and extended coverage of today's final in Senegal, introduced by Crystal Palace and England star John Salako (8423)



Proud in the saddle: Randolph Scott and Joel McCrea (9.00pm)

9.00 Film: Ride the High Country (1962) starring Randolph Scott and Joel McCrea. Sam Peckinpah's fine, elegaic western about two ageing former lawmen who sign on to escort gold from a remote mining camp to the bank and meet trouble along the way. Excellent performances from the veteran stars in their last important screen roles (69087355)

American Football — Super Bowl XXVI. Live coverage of the game at the Mirmeapois Metrodome between the Washington Redskins and the Buffalo Bills (37935152). Ends at 2.45am

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9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers

9.15 Letter from America (r)

9.30 Morning Service from West

Croydon Baptist Church

10.15 The Archers: Combibus edition

11.15 News Stand (s)

11.30 The Desert Island Discs Story

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Sleapy Lagorn and some recorded herring guils, the castaway was given a new lease of life and, as will be

evident in the fiftheth anniversary Interview at 12.15 which follows James Maughtie's potted history of the show, Plomley's old formula is not only still aime

but kicking like a new-born

coit (s) 12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue

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Cup Special (22591) 3.00 Ringarde (44133)
5.00 Superbouts (9084) 6.00 Rugby Leegue
Classic (58978) 8.00 Rislan Leegue Football
(33423) 10.00 FA Cup Round-Up (93997)
10.30 Scottish Leegue Football (82201)
11.30 Australian Open Tennis (528317)
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 Rotam Trans World Sport (12305) 9.00 Sunday Alive (9147355): Skiling: (11.00) Boxing: (11.55) Skiling: (12.30pm) Athletics: (1.30) Figure Skating: (4.00) Skiling Skiling: (4.00) Skiling Sharing: (4.00) Skiling World Cup (87775) 6.30 Bobelolgh (57788) 7.30 European Figure Skating Chempioneship (88628) 9.00 Skiling World Cup (35355) 10.30 Boxing (50133) (9088447). Ends at 5.55 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
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6.15am The Boy and the Pirates (1960): Children's adventure (507171)
8.15 The Brave Little Toester (1967): Cartoon adventure (672959)
10.15 Stipstream (1968): Future cop Mark Hamill files the sipstream to bring a renegate robot to justice (855423)
2.15pm MacGyver: The Legend of the Hoty Rose (1960): Adventurer Richard Dean Anderson teams up with an archaeologist (Dane Elcar) to search for an ancient artefact (947775) SCREENSPORT_ Via the Astra estalida.

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12.00 Energy O'Toole (84978) 12.30pm
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White Shadow (8173248) 1.55 Power Hits
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Culcine (532240) 3.05 Roller Detby
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Programme (632268) 9.00 Jukebox Music
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Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

6.55am Weather 7.00 Morning Concert: Offerbach (Overture, La Vie perisienne); D. Scarlatti (Sonata in D minor, Kk 516); Haydri 7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (conf):

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Mozart (Divertimento in B flat,
K 137); Gottschalk (Le
Manceniller); Zeiter (Sel nicht
bta, Der Obersteiger); Franck
(Violin Sonata)
8.30 News
8.35 Music for the Serenissima:

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Cavaili (La Bellezza è un don
fugace, Serse; Lamento di
Clori, 1 Egisto); E. Lagrenzi
(Sonata in G. Op 4 No 6, La
pezzol); Barbara Strozzol
(Canto di bella bocca); Biagio
Merini (Sonata a Ire, Op 22);
Mediamati (Abri estici (Ande Means (Sonata a tre, Op 22);
Monteverdi (Altri canti d'Amor)

9.15 Julilard Quartet plays Copiend
(Vitabel: the composer, plano,
Earl Carlyss, violin, Claus
Adam, cello); Schebert
(Quartet in G. D. 287). Third of
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eight programmes. 10.15 Music Weekly, with Peter Paul. 11.00 From the Proms 1991: BBC --

11.00 From the Proms 1991; 89C Philhamonic under Klee performs Mozert (Clarinet Concerto in A, K 622; Sabine Meyer); Bruckner (Symphony No 9 in D minor), incl 11.25 Interval Reading (r) 12.40pm Signposts: Direner with Mr King, The fourth of stx memoirs by Garald Long 1.00 News

1.85 Your Concert Choice, with -(Chichester Psalms: Soloists: Choir of King's College. Cambridge under Stephen Cleobury: Heydri (String Quartet in B flat, Op 76 No 4 Suntise: Takecs String Quartet): Stemdale Bennett (Fantasia in A: Malcolm Binns; piano); Godfrey, str E.W. Hinchcäll (Lucy Long: E.W. Hinchcäll, bassoon); Stravinsky (Scherzo fantastique, Montreal SO Inder Charles Dutor) 🗀 🗀 2.30 Benedetto Marcello: Chieroscuro performa pasim settings from Mercello:s collection Estro Position

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3.30 Poet of the Month: Poems by Attitic Berlolucci. Read by Charles Tomerson

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3.40 Russian Music. BBC PO under Edward Downes, with Alfreda Hodgson, mezzo, performs Prokofiev (Suits, The Love for Protegion, Indian (Suits, The Love for Three Oranges); Shostalcovich (Six poems of Marina — Tsvettevis); Glazunov (Symphony No 4 in E fiet) (r) 5.00 Soundings in Madrid: From Madrid to Heaven, Michael Oliver investigates whether music in Madrid fives up to the city's motto

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6.00 O Secrum Convivium:
Recorded in Brentwood
Roman Catholic Cathedral
with the choir and clergy of Chelmatord Cathedrel

7.00 Baroque Trio Sonates:
Telemann (Sonate in E minor,
Terfanussic Musica Antiqua
Cologne): Handel (Sonate in
G, Op 5 No 4: English

Concert)
7.39 Sunday Play: Christopher
Columbus
ChOiCE: Time and again in
Louis MacNeice's verse play,
Walton's messive orchestral
and choral score fifteetiers to
seems the spoken word. So swamp the spoken word. So much as that we are forced to keep asking ourselves: Is this drams with added music or music with added drams? The not result to that lan Cotterell's production, with Alan Howard as Columbus, provides two hours of overwhelming sound such as is marely heard on Racio 3. Was it the same, one Racio 3. Was it the same, one wonders, when the work was first broadcast in 1942, with Dallas Bower controlling a completely different army of actors: musicians and

singers? Bower offers his thoughts on the subject in the intervel at 8.40 9.35 New World SO; London Phiharmonic Chorus under Michael Tilson Thomas, plano, perform Copland (Suite, Silly the Kid); Gerahwir (Rhepsody No 2 for pieno and orchestra 10,15 Michael Tilson Thomas talks to Donald Maclacci. 10.20 Six American Hymne; ives (Symphony No 4) 11.15 Australian Plano Music.

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3.45 The Besten Track: The history of the tourist industry (2 of 4)
4.00 The Power and the Giory?
America's Crisis of Leadership. Presented by SAustrellari Plano Music: Stephen Sevega playa Nigel Buttering (Letter from Hardy's Bay; Ultering Joyous Leaves); Roger Smilley (Barcarolle; Five Pieces); Ross Edwards (Kumeri) 12.00 Nows 12.05am Close

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4.47 Golden Oldes: Les Woodland meets people who have shown that life can begin at

the age of 85. In the first of six 5.00 News; Down Your Way: Rabbi Lionel Blue visits London's East End, where he was born 5.40 First Person: The Italian Connection. Dr David Mendel talks about life in the fast lane with Alfie, his favourite car (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.56

6.00 News 6.15 The Village (5 of 6) (r) 6.30 Present Voices, Past Words: Dorls Lessing take about her favourite novel, *To the* Lighthouse, by Virginia Woolf

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7.00 The Desert War: The Storm
Breaks, Mark Lally, the 8BC's
defence correspondent, cereacy correspondent and outcome of the Gulf war. In the third of six programmes he asks why the Alies launched a protracted air offensive protracted air character against Baghdad and the Iraqi army when Victnem showed that air power alone could not defeat the enemy Pankelet (r)

7.30 Bookshelf (r) 8.00 Concerto: The cellist Raiph Kirshbaum takks to June Knox-Mawer and introduces his recording of Walton's Cello Concerto (s) 9.00 The Natural History

Programme (r) 9.30 Special Assignment (r) 9.59 Weather 12.1spm Desert Island Discs: Sue
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Major, the prime minister (s)
12.55 Weather.
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visits Lincolnstine
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teacher in a reactionary school the Atlantic led to his living among the Inuit people in ea Greenland (s) (r) 11.00 in Committee 11.30 Seeds of Faith: Liberating Christ. Cedric Mason examines the experience of Christians who challenge both Church and State (3 of 4) (s) 12.00-12.43am News, Incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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Airlines fly into cut-price publicity war

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

THE traditional winter competition between airline marketing men for the "fares cut" promotion which will win the biggest headline in popular newspapers is nearing its

Leading the way is Richard Branson, whose Virgin Atlantic is selling single tickets to New York for just £99. The trouble is that those tickets have to be bought 24 hours before travel; there is a limited market for such instant travel decisions, and few have

As Mr Branson trumpeted his triumph in bringing down fares, big airlines on the Atlantic routes, especially British Airways, American and United, did nothing, apparently refusing huffily to be drawn into any such undignified scuffle for publicity. Last

Tories stay step ahead

Continued from page I their opponents' taxation and spending plans.

There was no respite from electioneering last night. Neil Kinnock said that the people were looking for a Budget to help the country, not to bail out the Tory party. A penny tax cut would have nothing to do with Britain's well-being. Roy Hattersley, his deputy, said that John Major would "cut and run the day after the

Budget" John Wakeham, the cabiner's publicity chief, said that the economic news was slowly and surely growing brighter by the day. Michael Howard, the employment secretary. said the choice between Tory and Labour was between a low-tax, lightly regulated enterprise economy, or a hightax, highly regulated" one.

Leasehold change, page 2 freedom for Letters, page 13 fares," he said.

week however. American came up with its own scheme. Called a "pre-election fly-away" offer, it meant some fares cut by up to 50 per cent. with a New York return cost-

Suddenly they were tipped to win the "crown" for most useable copy — until, that is, it was realised that the fares had to be booked seven days in advance, had to take place in midweek, include a Saturday night stopover, the maximum stay was 21 days, the tickets had to be purchased by March 15 and all travel

completed by April 12. The industry began to sit up a little, however. American, the biggest airline, now has 21 per cent of flights between Britain and the United States, compared with BA's 37 per cent. United's 11 per cent and Virgin's 7.5 per cent. United and BA matched the offer, with United cutting New York to £199 return.

Back came Mr Branson to claim that he had triggered all this and his only goal was philanthropy towards the travelling public — a claim dismissed by his rivals.

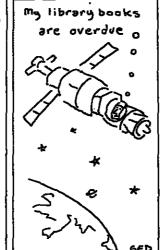
Meanwhile, American and United were reporting record losses in the last quarter and the last thing they needed was a price war to push fares lower. They needed instead to raise prices. So did BA.

Christopher Chataway. chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, who must give approval for lower fares, to be offered in the first place, wants to ensure that all customers have a basic fare to which they can relate and which would provide the ondemand traveller with reasonable facilities and a reasonable chance of obtaining a ticket without unnecessary restrictions.

"Where that basic fare exists, we believe that the airline should have complete pricing freedom for all its other



Trabant trendy: garage owner Bob Beauchamp at his Birmingham garage with some of the 17 secondhand Trabants he has imported from east Germany and hopes to sell for £900 each. He hopes to convince customers that, despite the car's reputation for being noisy, smelly and slow, it offers transport that is rustproof, almost maintenance-free and, not needing anti-freeze, ideal in winter



Stranded spaceman waits for rocket home

Continued from page I factories that build the Zenit. Cycion and Cosmos boosters.

It is also uncertain what the signatory republics would consider a "diminution" of the programme. Civil space spending was shaved by 10 per cent in 1990 to 6.3 billion roubles, and has since been frozen. But inflation is running at about 100 per cent, and launches last year were down to 1966 levels, at around 50, or half the levels of the 1980s.

News of the stranded cos-

monaut comes as President Bush announced an increase in funding for Freedom, the American manned space station programme. In a speech to the Young Astronauts Council, he said that some funds would also be spent on putting robots on the Moon in preparation for people living there, as well as on a planned hypersonic transport plane. He also reaffirmed a commitment to send people

to Mars in the next century. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's

\$14.3 billion budget will increase modestly under Mr Bush's 1993 budget proposal, to be unveiled next week. The Freedom project, which intends to launch a permanent orbiting platform

by 1996, will receive \$2.25 billion, an 11 per cent increase over 1992. The project survived attempts made in Congress last year to end its funding.

Mr Bush's proposal will keep to the target of astronauts working in the station by 1997 and of permanent

Scotland will start cloudy with

occupation by 2000. His budget will also contain funding for some priorities of the National Space Council. chaired by Vice-President Dan Quayle.

Those include money for the programme to put robots on the Moon, to precede the astronauts who will eventual ly live and work there. American astronauts last visited the Moon during the early 1970s in the Apollo programme.

Austerity hadget, page 11 Planet X, Saturday Review

Cannibal with a taste for whisky

Continued from page I strong healthy bodies. I'm es-

entially a romantic." He still likes to do nude paintings of young Western women. One of them was a young Dutch model, Ingrid, whom he contacted, he said, when he saw her photograph in a magazine. She has now returned to The Netherlands and never knew his real name or anything of his

Mr Sagawa likes to dwell openly and almost proudly on his past. "My fantasy of cannibalism is not crazy. Evcryone has fantasies. The special thing about me is that I acted upon mine. At the time I was not well, and it became an obsession, a kind

of duty. I regret it terribly." One of the most distressing aspects of this solitary man is the fact that he believes he is normal. "My time in the mental ward was like hell. Everyone else in there was crazy, but the doctors saw that I was not like them, that I was cured. I am normal I eat an eyening meal with my parents every day

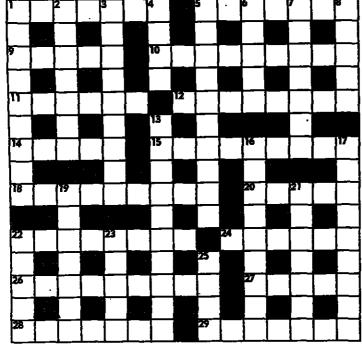
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and spend my spare time painting and writing."

Judging by his disturbingly carnal paintings, Mr Sagawa shows no inclination to rid himself of his dangerous passion "Cannibalism has been my obsession since I was very young, it is a pleasure lying deep in the human spirit . . . my long cherished desire is to be eaten by a beautiful Western woman," he wrote in an article two months ago. While in prison in France he wrote his "memoirs", recalling the sensations of cooking and eating the body parts — some "deliciously fatty like raw tuna", some rubbery, and some fried with salt, pepper and mustard.
The book has become a

best-seller in Japan and has encouraged Mr Sagawa to write three more, one of which is an anthology of short stories on the theme of cannibalistic fantasies. "That book is a little bit comical," he said, with a strangehr leering grimace. It was time to leave.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,824



ACROSS

- I Spartan digging up treasure runs away (7). 5 Laud's collapse (5,2). 9 Marble head (5).
- 10 When fighting stops, it's a crime to get involved (9).11 Stand and fasten on informal
- 12 Started article, having had a meal brought round (8). 14 In leader's absence, opposed to anything at all (5).
- 15 Children on the team can be a distraction (4-5). 18 Petty officer, in some way un-
- surpassed (5-4). 20 Liking to be conspicuous (5). 22 Turning, zigzags around muddy racetrack (8).
- 24 Bird was finished on plate (6). 26 Ten venial errors made by saint
- 27 Poor girl's origin is her affair (5). 28 He disposes of bin ends (7). 29 Renounce a fine game (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,818

- This winger's shooting thought lethal, in the main (9). 1 This 2 Arch-fiend near to death? (7). 3 Basic metal, perhaps, and its
- Afternoon paper? (4). Requisition grazing-land, say, to Criminal act started by a strike, maybe (5).
- Men with horses' heads (7). Quietly raising subscriptions is not honest (5). 13 Eliza's goal? (10).
- ber, say (9). 17 Observe vivid flower (9). 19 Classical painter's copy, to sell
- Letter of advice to a novice, one in a new order (7).
- 22 Rescued from danger, but died 23 Material excavated is rising (5).

25 Made a final offer, unmoved (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18.823

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A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Floward

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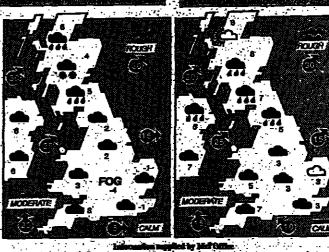
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The winners of last Saturday's com ne minners of last saturalys com-petition are: A Magnus, Manor Road, Bournemouth, Hants: A MeArthur, Dinorben Close, Fleet, Hants; H H Morgan, Highcroft, Cefncoed, Mer-thyr Tydfil, Mid Glam; M Flack, Percival Road, Rugby, Warts; M Larford Duke Street Hietlesham Lorford, Duke Street, Hintlesham. Ipswich, Suffolk

hills. The rain will edge into Northern Ireland, northern England and Wales, but most will die out before reaching southern parts of England. As the rain moves south, drier, dearer and colder weather will spread into northern Scotland. Another cold day in the South but northern areas will be relatively mild. Outlook: some rain and drizzle in the North-West otherwise dry and cloudy.

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THE BUSINESS

SATURDAY JANUARY 25 1992

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

Peter Jacobs, the chief exec-utive of Bupa, has shown the door to anyone lacking skills and drive in an organisation that hopes to come back from overall losses of 642 million in 1990 to breakeven point in 1991. Those who remain are on first name terms. He considers it artificial to address people



Peps special

A special report on personal equity plans looks at the impact of single company Peps, examines the future of European Peps and high-lights some of the winners and losers Pages 32 to 37

Bank in line

National Westminster is the first bank to cut its mortgage rate. Its standard rate has fallen from 11.55 to 10.99 per cent, in line with the new rates from most large build-



Only one in seven people in debt has access to debt counselling services, may be speaking to Fenella Kemp of Europ Assistance, but funding for debt counselling services has reached a critical point. Money from the pri-vate sector is not forthcom-ing. The Money Advice Trust, set up to channel private sector funds to Citi-zens' Advice Bureaux and money advice centres, says its future could be threatened if there are no

Helping hand



Lack of interest

The Nationwide has been told by the building societies ombudsman to pay compensation to an investor whose account became obsolete. There are still thousands of such accounts......Page 28

Photo cards

TSB is experimenting with credit cards carrying a photograph of the holder to try to combat card fraud. But some industry experts say that photographs will be no good......Page 29



Buyer beware

suading job changers to use the transfer value of a company pension to fund a personal pension. It is often better to leave the pension

Pressure for low mortgage rates 'to blame'

Halifax to levy charges on savings accounts

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

HALIFAX Building Society is to impose charges on investors who let their savings accounts fall below £50 for long periods and on customers with less than £250 in their accounts who make more

than two counter withdrawais a month. For the first time, a building society has elected to levy charges on savings accounts, and the move is bound to spark a reaction throughout the market. But there was no indication last night that other building societies would

The Halifax, the largest so-ciety with 13.6 million savers.

Wembley expects

loss up to £8.5m

BY OUR CITY STAFF.

will introduce the charges from February 1. From to-day, all 700 branches will have explanatory brochures and posters.

The charges will be applied to the paid-up share account. cardcash, instant xtra phis, instant xira, deposit, monthly savings, matured subscrip-tion share and subscription share accounts. Its Maxim current account and those held by savers under 21 are exempted. Those savers who let their balance fall below \$50 for a total of 30 days in each financial quarter will be charged £2.50 a quarter.

Customers who have bal-ances below £250 will be charged 60p for the third and

Sir Brian Wolfson, Wem-

bley's chairman, announced

a restructuring package in-

cluding a one-for-one rights issue to raise £37.3 million.

The largest shareholders, Sir

Brian and associated inter-

ests, are taking up the rights to maintain their holding at

about 23 per cent of the enlarged share capital. The bruising impact of dif-ficult trading in 1991, when

American superstars stayed away from the Wembley sta-

dium, produced a loss before tax estimated at £8.5 million

maximum (£13.2 million profit) in the year to endDecember, but Wembley is to pay a 0.9p final dividend, making 1.8p (2.4p) total, on

The company is buying a

further 25 per cent of the National Leisure Catering

business that serves the stadi-

um. Wembley Arena and the

conference centre, as well as

other exhibition and sporting venues, taking the company's holding to 75 per cent. The cost is £3.25 million, payable

in new shares. Sir Brian said that al-

though there was little sign of

an economic upturn, the spe-cific negative factors that had

marred last year would not recur in 1992.

tendo, Japan's most success-ful video games maker, for a

Tempus, page 25

the existing shares.

subsequent cash withdrawals over the counter each month. Cheques issued by branches will be charged at £1. There will be no charges for receipts, standing orders, direct debits, account transfers or cash machine withdrawals.

The brochure explains: "It is only fair that where additional costs arise, from customers who make high usage of certain services, that these customers should make a contribution towards those costs rather than spreading the expenses over all accounts. In general, savings accounts with very low balances, and in particular those with frequent transactions,

The society says the difference between the amount it receives in interest on mort-gages and that paid to inves-tors is under pressure from the continuous demand for ment rates. Last week, it cut its mortgage rate to 10.95 per cent for new borrowers and

run at a loss to the society."

will bring existing borrowers into line on March 1. Staff will encourage cus-WEMBLEY, owner of the it out of a Gulf war-induced tomers to consolidate accounts to bring them above the charge thresholds, and to switch to using cash dispensers or the Maxim account to avoid charges. Letters will be sent to those savers likely to incur charges. Cash dispensers will also warn customers

about to trigger charges. In 1990, the Cheltenham & Gloucester imposed a minimum of £100 on its instant access gold account. The C&G's members voted it the power to levy charges on savings accounts last year and it has already warned there may be charged for duplicate statements. However, the C&G says its charges will only

be for extra services.

Abbey National says it has "absolutely no plans at all to introduce anything of this nature." John Berry, marketing manager, said: "Their desire for change is borne out of the constant pressure on mar-gins. We are all looking for ways to supplement the overall income. It would be wrong to say that we have not thought about it." The Woolwich said it had no "current plans to introduce charges". The Nationwide, paying 5.93 per cent on instant access accounts above £1, has no plans to follow the Halifax.



Lilley plea to Brussels puts Redland bid in doubt

By MARTIN WALLER

THE future of the £580 million hostile bid by Redland for fellow building materials group Steetley has been cast into doubt by a surprise an-nouncement from Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, that implies the offer could run into monopoly problems.

Steetley shares tumbled

37p to 332p as the stock market took the view that the oid would not succeed. With Redland down 5p at 465p. the offer is now worth more than 395p a share.

Mr Lilley said he was asking the European Commission to refer back for consideration by the British Office of Fair Trading an earlier joint venture between Steetley and building group Tarmac. Under EC rules this has to go to Brussels, while the Redland bid is being considered by the OFT, but members can request the EC for jurisdiction if they feel a deal under consideration would impede

national competition. Mr Lilley said the Tarmac joint venture "raises competition concerns in distinct markets within the UK for bricks and clay roofing tiles". The venture has been shelved for the duration of the bid, but it would create market concentrations far lower than if Redland and Steetley merged. The EC has three weeks to

decide. It is the first time

reach an agreement with the OFT over clay tiles rather than one referred back, although two similar German applications in the past have failed. see the bid go to the MMC, Steetley and Tarmac have but it never anticipated probabout 17 per cent of the nat-ional brick market and more lems over bricks. Analysts say a similar deal in that area, than 35 per cent of clay tiles. whereby Redland agreed to Redland and Steetley besell some plant, would threaten tween them have 17 per cent the estimated £20 million cost

savings that are the rationale

behind the offer.

er, well over 40 per cent. Richard Miles, chief executive of Steetley, welcomed the development. "He (Mr Lilley) must have considered it very carefully and must consider that there are a series of questions to be answered. He fore he puts his head over the parapet and asks for it back."

of bricks, but the concentra-

tion of clay tiles is even high-

He added that there was now even more reason for an eventual reference to the Mo-nopolies Commission by the OFT of the larger Redland bid. A referral would be welcomed by Steetley "because we believe the bid to be inadequate and not right for our shareholders".

Both parties were apparently taken aback by the news. Gerald Corbett, Redland finance director, said: guments were gaining ground and we were winning, and their defence has been increasingly perceived as rather

Private investors boost unit trusts

By Sara McConnell

PRIVATE investors were largely responsible for a sevenfold increase in unit trust sales last year, the Unit Trust Association said vesterday. In the first three quarters of 1991, net new investment from individuals totalled £1.7 billion, an increase of more than 200 per cent on the previous year's figure.

Buoyant sales of unit trust personal equity plans (Peps) also helped push net new investment in unit trusts last year up to £2.8 billion from £392 million in 1990. Gross sales of unit trust Peps in 1991 totalled £753 million, a new record and a 40 per cent increase on 1990's record of £539 million.

Net new investment in Peps was up 31 per cent to £652 million. Total funds under management in unit trusts via Peps amounted to £1.7 billion, 86 per cent up on the £914 million total at the end

Philip Warland, the association's director general, said: "I think the growth in unit trust Pep business during 1991 is a remarkable achievement as it has taken place against a background on 1991 increase in thi unit trust Pep allowance of £3,000 . . . We shall continue to press the government to give unit trusts the same £6,000 annual allowance already enjoyed by other man-aged Peps."

Overall, gross sales of unit trusts in 1991 were 22 per cent up at £10.5 billion. Redemptions fell E506 million last year to £7.7 billion. Mr Warland said the fig-

ures were encouraging. " believe 1991's upturn in unit trust sales is an extremely positive sign, particularly given that much of it appears to come from direct investment by the general public."

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months whether the combined talents of Bryan Adams, Eric Clapton and Elton John, all booked to appear there, will be sufficient to pull

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Nintendo touches baseball nerve AMERICA has apparently returned to playing its favourite sport — Japan bashing. A concerted effort is being mounted to thwart a \$100 million bid from Nintendo, Japan's most success-

baseball team.
Baseball is marketed as America's favourite sport and Hiroshi Yamauchi, president of Nintendo in Japan. \$100 million to anyone who wants to play in the big league where players can earn up to \$4 million a year. would keep the American League franchise in the home town. Nintendo was He heads a new investor group called The Baseball Chib of Seattle, which has ready to write a cheque for \$5 million as a sign of good

faith, but the US government offered to buy the loss-making lotal 'team, the Seattle Mariners.

Jeff Smulyan, the team's cowner; said he would sell for of the national pastime, says is likely to block it.

he is opposed to foreign ownership of teams. Nintendo has done its best

to dress up the investor group as a home-grown bunch. Its directors include John McCaw, a director of ications, a Seattle company and the biggest mobile telephone group in America.

Frank Shrontz, Boeing's chairman and chief executive, Christopher Larson of Microsoft and John Ellis. chairman and chief executive of the local Puget Sound Power & Light Company. Nintendo also stresses that the team would be managed by a 15-year Pacific North-West resident, Minoru Arakawa, president of Nintendo America — and Mr Yamauchi's son-in-law. Whichever way it is counted, however, Nintendo is putting up 60 per cent of the money.

Anti-Japan feeling is running high. America is still smarting from President Bush's lack of success in persuading the Japanese to buy more cars. The City of Los Angeles this week withdrew a

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Cedairmil in Surrey, has

won the Woman Business Traveller of the Year

award from Business

Traveller magazine. Ms

days away on business

was nominated by her

husband, Paul Wright.

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owned company, which specialises in marketing

aerospace equipment.

Her prize is a holiday to

Hawaii and San Francisco.

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Mould spent more than 100

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The value of investments may go down as well as up and you may not get back the amount you invest.

British rise in jobless is worst in the EC

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

BRITAIN experienced the vious month. That compares greatest rise in unemployment of any European Com-munity member during the first 11 months of last year, according to Eurostat, the community's statistical

The comparison with Britain's continental partners will embarrass the government. which has tried to make political currency out of its performance in increasing employment faster than the rest of

Michael Howard, the employment secretary, last week drew attention to the slowing rate of increase in Britain's unemployment, and to the sharp increase in vacancies in

Tony Blair, Labour's shadow employment spokesman, said the continued rise in UK unemployment was evidence that the economy was failing to make the recovery from recession that the government promised last year. The seasonally adjusted figures. issued in Brussels yesterday. showed that the Community's average unemployment rate was 9.3 per cent in November, unchanged from the pre-

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with 8.4 per cent in November 1990.

Germany, excluding its new eastern states, was a striking exception to the trend, with unemployment alling to 4.6 per cent from 4.8 per cent in the western

part of the country.

Eastern Germany, which is undergoing a total restructuring to convert it to a market economy, has very high unemployment, but cannot reasonably be compared with normal west European

Britain was well below the Irish Republic, which, on 18 per cent, replaced Spain as the economy with the highest rate of unemployment in November. However, the rate of increase in Britain was faster, with unemployment moving from 7.4 per cent in November 1990 to 10.2 per

cent last November. The Eurostat rate for Britain is somewhat higher than that issued by the government, which reported unemployment at 8.8 per cent in November and a provisional

9 ner cent in December. While Spain is among the worst countries for unemployment, with a 16 per cent rate, neighbouring Portugal is among the best. There, unemployment dropped to 4 per cent in November from 4.5 per cent a year earlier. Only tiny Luxembourg was better. □ Annual inflation in the

Community was 4.8 per cent in December, the lowest endyear rate since 1988, Eurostat said. The rate was unchanged from November. In December 1990, it stood at 5.7 per cent. In Britain, annual inflation was 4.5 per cent in December, compared with 4.2 per cent in western

German deficit improves

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Germany's federal budget deficit was much lower than expected last year, at DM52.1 billion, compared with previous estimates of more than DM60 billion. because of higher tax revenues and a lower payout on unemployment benefit and family allowances, according to the finance ministry.

Yesterday's announcement came after it emerged that the Bundesbank achieved provisional profits of DM20.3 billion in 1991, the highest in history, and about DM13 billion above the finance ministry estimate. Most of the surplus will be used to repay existing debt.

The announcements mean that Germany's public finances, although under pres-sure from the cost of unification, are much better

Osprey slides

Osprey Communications, the marketing services group, has cut its interim dividend to 0.65p from 1.35p after pre-tax profits fell 13.5 per cent to £363.000 in the six months to end-November. John French, chairman and chief executive, said the marketing services division performed well with an increase in profits. Group earnings fell to 1.47p from 1.72p per share. The company hopes to maintain the final dividend at 1.35p. The shares lost 3p to 29p.

City Site falls

A loss of £2 million on the sale of a London property and a £1.8 million provision against a Milton Keynes office development have plunged City Site Estates, the Glasgow property company, £3.4 million into the red before tax (£900,000 deficit) for the year to end-September. A final 0.5p dividend makes a 1.46p total (1.92p).

Shelton payout

Martin Shelton Group, the Leeds business calendars and diaries specialist, is maintaining its interim dividend at 0.75p despite increased firsthalf losses. Pre-tax losses were £122,000 (£76,000) in the six months to end-September, despite a 19 per cent rise in turnover to £1.63 million.



Selling out: Sir Michael, of Reckitt & Colman

Reckitt to sell spice firm

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

RECKITT & Colman, the branded food and household products group, is bowing out of the American spice war. The group is selling Durkee-Prench, its spice and seasoning business, to Burns Philp, the Australian group,

for US\$80 million. Reckitt, whose chairman is Sir Michael Colman, has been doing battle with Mc-Cormick, the spice company, in America since Reckitt bought Durkee from Hanson in 1986.

Reckitt has decided to concentrate on its branded flavour-enhancing products.

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Durkee-French is being sold at book value but is retaining a number of key Durkee products.

The proceeds from the sale will be used to reduce the group's debt, which, at the end of the last financial year, was £360 million, represent ing gearing of 55 per cent, Reckitt & Colman Canada is in talks to sell its spice

business to Burns Philp for about Can\$8 million (£3.81 million). Both transactions are subject to contract and due diligence by Burns Philp. Reckitt shares fell lp to

Big income funds go for gas and power

SAFETY first was the rule as fund managers began working their way through the top 200 companies, calculating their dividend cover. Many of the big income funds have found themselves badly out of pocket after the decision by Tiny Rowland's Louring to cut the final dividend and not pay an interim this time

Lonrho's attraction for the income funds had been the generosity of its dividends. The cut and subsequent fall in the share price have rattled many of them. Lonrho remained out of favour, recouping only 5p of Thursday's 39p fall to finish at 120p as a massive 30 million shares changed hands.

Yesterday, the big income funds were scrambling to make good the losses by picking up shares in other companies going ex-dividend on Monday. Top of the list was Brîtish Gas, lap firmer at 246 p, National Power, 2p better at 136p and Power Gen, 2p higher at 143 2p.
A cloud now appears to

hang over those companies with low dividend cover, or none at all, like Glynwed. down 6p at 206p, Tarmac. 5p off at 118p, Pilkington, 7p at 136p, GKN, 13p down at 308p and Lucas Industries. 4p cheaper at 114p.

The rest of the equity mar-ket spent another lacklustre day with prices suffering an early markdown on the back of Wall Street's overnight performance as the two week trading account closed. But prices managed to close above their worst of the day, helped by a firm futures market that continued to trade at a 50-point premium to the cash market.

The FT-SE 100 index closed 14.9 down at 2,510.4 - a rise on the account of 32.5 — having been 32 points lower earlier in the day. Turnover reached 614 million shares, boosted by the heavy turnover in Lonrho. Govern-

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ment securities appeared neglected, suffering falls of £4 at

Steetley, the subject of an unwanted £600 million bid from Redland, fall 37p to 332p, after touching 321p. The Department of Trade and industry has asked the European Commission to investigate the proposed merger of Steetley and Tarmac's brick and tile interests. Redland fell 5p to 465p.
Northern Foods jumped

14p to 551p, helped by a buy

There are signs of revived institutional support for Caird, the waste-disposal group, which was the subject of an abortive bid two years ago by Severn Trent.
The shares ended the day
unchanged at 90p — a rise
on the week of 4p. Smith
New Court, the broker, is Caird's prospects.

recommendation from County NatWest WoodMac. However, County is a seller of Ranks Hovis McDougall, 3p better at 218p.

Eurocopy, the photocopier distributor and servicing group, fell 8p to 92p after a profits warning.

Wembley, the leisure group which includes Wembley Stadium, is raising £37.3 million via a one-for-one rights issue at 30p a share. The proceeds will be used to reduce debts. The group has forecast pre-

tax losses for the current year of £8.5 million after incurring exceptional costs of £7.5 million relating to redundance costs and restructuring. The shares responded with a fall of 3p to 34p

HI-Tec, the sports shoe manufacturer, is also raising extra cash. The shares fell 3p to 179p.

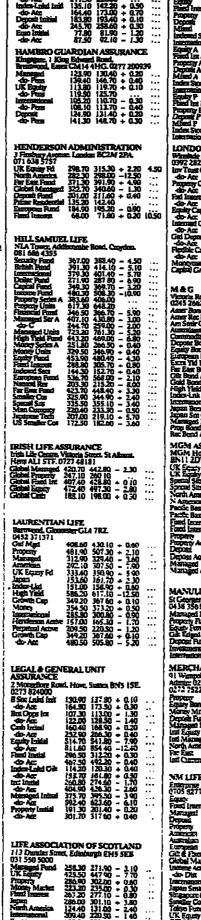
LI New York - Shares were weak in choppy, late-morning trading, amid a consolidation in the wake of the records that have been established this year. The Dow Jones industrial average was 5.74 lower at 3,221, above its low for the day so far of 3,216, but below its high for the day so far of 3,239. Falling shares outnumbered rises by about seven to six,

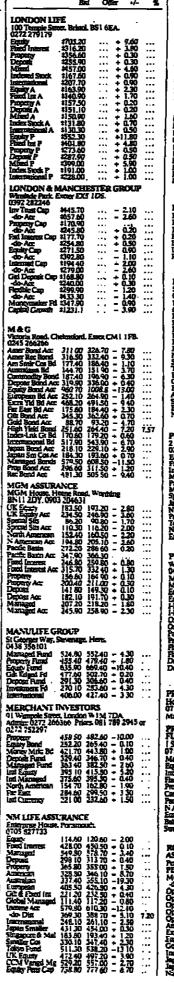
☐ Tokyo — Prices closed sharply lower in thin trading after two days of gains. The Nikkei index tumbled 508:57 points, or 2.36 per cent, to 21,072.15. Futures-linked selling and profit-taking cut prices, while investors were inactive, disappointed that the rally had faded and wor-ried about excess supply and political scandals. Turnover was about 180 million shares compared with 241 million on Thursday,

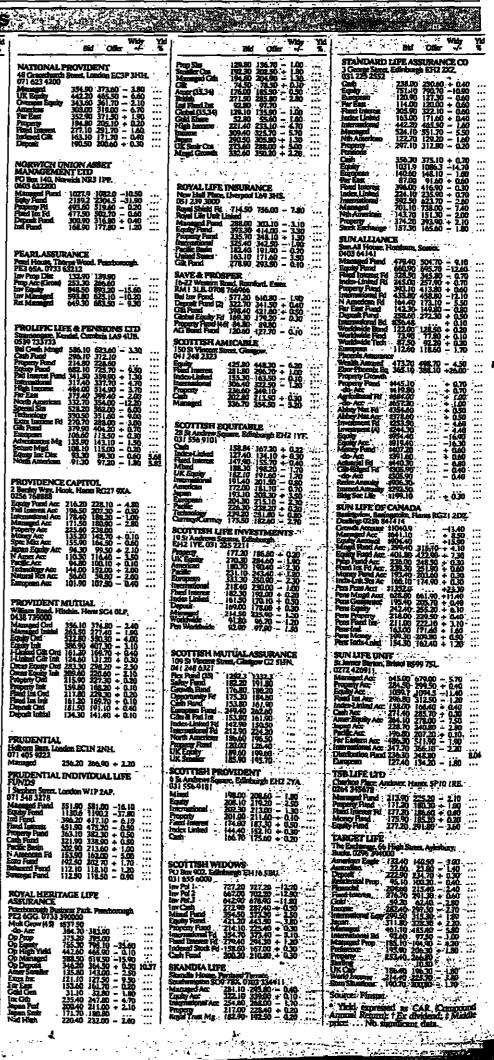
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Matthew Bond

Below the plimsoll line

s the immovable object currently squashing the remaining life out of the economies of western Europe. Germany is once again enjoying one of its regular periods of

unpopularity.

Of course, the driving force behind these bouts of disfavour is long established — envy. After all, what other country would see the threat of a steelworkers' strike and the consequent possibility of still higher interest rates rewarded by a £200 million export order for a 67,000 ton, 900 cabin cruise

liner from P&O.

Lord Sterling, P&O's skipper, has clearly had a most powerful telescope trained on the economic future, given that the as-yet unnamed vessel is to be purpose-built, by Germans, for the British cruise market. With an ever-growing mountain of evidence and opinion signalling no early end to our recession, an order for a small fleet of rowing boats might have

beenmore appropriate.
Surely the Papenburg shippard of Meyer Werft will be filled with the sound of laughter for the next three years at the thought of building such a palace of mari-time splendour for a country so clearly sinking below the economic plimsoll line.

As the shipyard workers grow tired of the old Essen-girl jokes, a new strain of British cruise pas-senger humour could develop.



"Hey Hans, have you heard that British Coal has booked a compassionate cruise for 1,200 redundant miners? Only another 899 cabins and the ship will be full. Or "Helmut, have you heard hout the research who sold for about the passenger who paid for a round the world cruise with his Lonrho dividend cheque? No? Neither have I. Ho, ho, ho.

That is what you might imag-ine, but you would be wrong. According to a survey from their chambers of commerce, the Germans, especially German employers, are now full of admiration for the British worker, who they be-lieve is hard-working, co-opera-tive, rarely goes on strike and costs considerably less; than his German counterpart. Better still, British firms pay tax at rates "the Germans can only dream of".

o what do British workers dream of? Well in Scotland, and around Glasgow in particular, they dream about effective steel strikes and subsidies that would enable them to win — or even to tender for — contracts to build luxury cruise liners. In short, they dream of being German. It is a dream that just might come true and could yet see P&O's new vessel gracing the wa-ters of the Clyde. For German steel bosses have identified greater Glasgow as a ready source of a willing and experienced alterna-tive to their own belligerent workforce, and believe that a chartered visit to the river's lower reaches by the huge ship could be just the focus for a post-Ravenscraig recruiting campaign. Not so much "on yer bike", as "on yer luxury cruise liner". For you, Jim-my, the recession is over. Next stop Hamburg.

But while German chambers of commerce were having the vision to consider matters Anglo-Saxon and Celtic, their British counterparts stuck resolutely and depressingly to home territory. The latest quarterly economic survey from the British chambers showed business confidence falling away as 1991 drew to a close with recovery apparently none the nearer. Although Miles Middleton, the president, attempted to paint an encouraging picture, the survey concluded by saying "when the recovery does come. British industry may not be

But, in fact, fighting form may be the only thing British industry will be in, should recovery ever dawn. Defence may not exactly be the growth sector of tomorrow — as the loss of 2,500 naval support jobs made clear — but the award of a £400 million order for three frigates to the Yarrow shipyard on **BUSINESS PROFILE: Peter Jacobs**

Loner with the team's health at heart

The chief executive of Bupa tells

Carol Leonard that private and

public medicine should co-operate

tour guide shows Ameri-can tourists around the gardens at Middle Temple, she might care to cast her eyes upwards, towards an open win-dow in an adjacent office building. There, on the first floor, she will probably spot a middle-aged man. a little over 5ft 8ins tall, thin and a little over 5ft 8ths tail, thm and balding, with a pointed nose, pale, bright eyes and gap teeth. A rather ordinary looking man, a middle manager perhaps. One more unrecognised face in an otherwise faceless city.

She will be unaware that the man behind that unremarkable face is far from ordinary, Peter

face is far from ordinary. Peter Jacobs, aged 48, is the chief executive of Bupa, the medical insurance and private hospitals group. He has been in the job for eight months, is a man who helieves in hitting the ground running, and he has already installed a new management hierarchy. Anyone deemed "not to have

the skills necessary to be part of the team" was swiftly shown the door. A loss of £63 million on Bupa's insurance side in 1990 is expected to have been halved last year, with profits forecast for the current year. An overall loss from the group of £42 million in 1990 profits from its hospitals and investments were obliterated by the insurance losses — should be improved to at least break-even point in 1991. Premiums have risen by 20 per cent in each of the past two years, and Jacobs is now confident that, more importantly, the very culture at Bupa has been

Jacobs says: "The health care insurance industry had had a long period of very satisfactory growth. with a small number of players, and, frankly, I think it got rather complacent. It was not particularly well managed and the larger commercial insurers saw an opportunity to come into a pretty Jacobs even goes as far as describsleepy market. Something like 18 of them have

come in over the last couple of years. It means hat Bupa has much more comoctitive situation. That has required a change attitudes. We now have to com-

pete not just in terms of price but also customer service." His objective is to restore Bupa's market share to about 55 per cent—it has slipped from 70 per cent to less than 50 per cent — and "to provide levels of customer service which are way beyond anything else in the market".

Jacobs speaks rapidly, with few murmurs of hesitation and with a soft Ayrshire accent. He finds it difficult to sit still. "My wife reckons that when I'm on a long

wrought at Bupa is reflects his personality. Everyone is now on first name terms. "I'm very definitely Peter, not Mr Jacobs," he says. "Bupa used to be very hierarchical, I'm trying to change that." He considers it "very artificial" to address people more formally. Jacobs asks direct questions, is unfazed when they are presented to him in an equally forthright manner and, unusually for someone so energetic, he is an extremely good listener. He admits, as a consequence perhaps, to being both a good negotiator and a good judge of character. When hiring senior executives— something he has done with prov-

en success at S&W Berisford, British Sugar and Mars - he thinks chemistry is just as important as track record. "If the chemistry is wrong, you don't end up with a team. First impressions are very important. There is a school of thought which says that, in interviews, you reach a decision within the first 30 seconds. I have some sympathy with that. A lot of people try to create an impression which is not truly them. They want to come across as forceful, dynamic people and they stride in the door with their hand outstretched in quite an artificial manner. That, to me, shows not nerves, but a lack of judgment." Curiously though, for someone who places such importance on teamwork, Jacobs is not a team player. He admits that he is not nanurally a good employee, in anything but the top job. "I don't like being told what to do, that I have to attend certain functions. It makes me bristle. Im afraid. In any job I've had I have always tried to buck the system. It has occasionally landed me in hot water but, more often, paid dividends."

'In any job I have always tried to buck the system. It has landed me in hot water but, more often, paid dividends

able to make up my own mind on timing and what I do. I abhor traffic jams to the point that if route to keep moving. It's stupid but I don't like being hemmed in." That aversion to crowds means the Jacobses — Peter and Eileen, his wife of 25 years — often holiday at telephone call, I do at least five a house owned by his sister, a

miles," he says. "I can't stop pacing up and down." The cultural change Jacobs has

ing himself as, at heart, a loner. "I would like to have more time on my own, it's one of my objectives." He admits that to a mild form of He avoids crowd situations, would never go to a football match, and says that he can actually feel a stand with hun-

dreds of people "I just dislike being herded around, I like the freedom of being there's a route that I know will be clear, even if it is going to take me much longer, I will take the clear



Confidants: Eileen and Peter Jacobs relax in the garden in front of one of her sculptures, with their dog Charlie

geneticist, in the Outer Hebrides. According to friends, he and his wife — an occupational therapistturned-sculptor, and the mother of his three children, twins Andrew and Michael, aged 23, and Katrina, aged 19 — have a particularly close relationship.

Henry Lewis, a former managing director of Marks and Spencer, who knows Jacobs socially and through business, since he was the deputy chairman of Berisford when Jacobs was the chief executive, says: "He clearly confides in his wife a lot and they have a very good marriage. But this loner side of his character does not come through. He creates the impression instead of being cool, calm, controlled and logical. He is modest, unassuming and not at all and he is putting a team together and then motivating and managing it. He is, above all else, an exceptional manager. In fact, of all the company directors I have ever been associated with, I would rate Peter right among the very top." Jacobs will doubtless have dis-

cussed with his wife one of the main obstacles to improving Bupa's customer service — its computer system. "It's a system which is particularly rigid," he explains. "In terms of customer service it can make us look like idiots. When people want to renew their premiums it might send out multiple forms, or send cheques to the wrong place, to the patient instead of to the surgeon, or claims might be rejected when they should not have been. We can bring about a number of improvements, but ulti-

mately it will have to be replaced and that is a three-year job."

Home is a five-bedroomed,

1926 Georgian-style property in Northwood, Middlesex. It is there that Jacobs also debates another subject now close to his heart: the future of the NHS. His wifecomes from a large Glaswegian family, predominantly employed in the medical world. "I have had my ear bent," says Jacobs, laughing. He laughs easily, has a ready wit and He sent his own children, initially, is a good conversa-

tionalist. He is adamant that the private and public healthcare sectors should co-operate rather than comintroduced into the NHS by the government. "Whether all the changes are cordebatable, but I don't think that

matters much. If 80 per cent of the changes are correctly targeted that's fine because over the next three, four or five years the bits that are wrong can be fixed. The fact remains that the momentum of change has been introduced and that was absolutely

Jacobs has had first-hand experi-ence of both private and public sector healthcare. Two years ago, he underwent a heart by-pass opera-tion, receiving some of the initial treatment on the NHS and the

operation at a private hospital. Just as he supports the principle of the NHS—he argues that optional use of private facilities is to the common good since it releases resources in the public sector — he is an outspoken supporter of state education. He went to state schools in Ayrshire and then Glasgow where his father was an accountant with ICI — and read mechanical

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> eration made him aware, he says, of his own mortality, as well as the need to exercise swimming at the RAC Club and indoor tennis at the David Lloyd Centre - and to eat properly. But it did not bring with it any religious experiences. He describes himself as being Jewish but agnostic. "My wife has a stronger religious back-ground, she is more knowledgeable and a more regular attendant. I'm supportive of her views, but I don't know whether I believe myself,

probably not." He and his wife,

nevertheless, support several Israeli charities and one of his sons, Michael, now lives in Israel. Although Jacobs admits to being a bit of a perfectionist, being tidy to the point that he hangs up his wife's clothes, and is able to get by on five hours' sleep a night, he is not a workaholic. "I think everyone should be able to cope with their job during normal working hours and five days a week, although they should be prepared to work days on end, and nights, when a crisis arises," he says. "If people work long hours consistently it does make you question whether or not they

are coping with the job." That is certainly not a question anyone would ever ask of Jacobs. As Lewis concludes: "I remember the first time I met him. I was surprised dinary had such a big job. He does not immediately come across as being the person of stature and quality that he is - there is much more to him than the image he projects. With so many businessmen it is the other way around."

Saunders interview

In my profile of Ernest Saunders (January 18), I mentioned defence costs of £400,000. This referred to civil and other legal costs before he was granted legal aid. Mr Saunders has also asked me to make it clear that while under legal aid he was unable to match the prosecution's legal team in quantity rather than quality; his own barristers and solicitors were totally dedicatextremely grateful to them.

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Wembley offers its game plan

SIR Brian Wolfson has put in place at Wembley the kind of clean-up programme the market has been looking for since the share price started to sink from last April's 91p high under the weight of towering borrowings. The banks have agreed to rene-

gotiate facilities and covenants but insist that shareholders should bear some of the pain. Wembley is making a one-for-one rights issue at 30p to raise £37.3 million and shore up its battered balance

The group is also swapping its loan stock into convertible preference shares and issuing new ordinary shares worth £3.25 million to America's ARA Services Corporation. That will provide a supportive 6.8 per cent shareholder once the rights issue is completed. In return, Wembley raises is holding in the National Leisure Catering joint venture from 50 to Wembley has invested £240

million over the past five years but never received the benefit of the doubt from the market. The restructuring will bring gearing down from 97 to 70 per cent and cut borrowings from £156 million, but further disposals are promised in the medium term to achieve a more comfortable 55 per cent.

Non-core assets that could be sold include American properties and possibly even the Guild film distribution business, now buoyed up by riding high on the back of the reshuffle in the television industry and a few blockbuster

The market's doubts continue.



Profits before tax could be £12.5 million this year, putting the shares on 11 times' earnings, although brokers with long memories say the group has disappointed expectations in the past.
Wembley has estimated an £8.5 million pre-tax loss for 1991 after extensive write-offs and forecast a dividend that offers a 7 per cent historic yield. A degree of caution would still seems look advisable.

Hi-Tec Sports

CONVENTIONAL wisdom has it that Hi-Tec Sports benefited last year from British consumers trad-ing down to its sports shoes from the premium brands produced by

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Nike, Reebok and Adidas. In fact, the 1991 figures are likely to show British sales and profits down about 10 per cent and an unchanged market share. The real story behind the company's strength was its successful diversification into America and continental Europe.

The company, led by Frank van Wezel, is taking advantage of its strong share price to reduce debt through a £10.3 million one-forfive rights issue before the next stage of growth.

It plans to acquire its distributors in Germany and Spain and expand its existing subsidiaries in other continental countries. Just as importantly, Mr van

Wezel is not taking up his rights,

cutting his holding from 70 per cent to 56 per cent. This will take the sting out of one of the strongest City objections to the stock.

The company is forecasting pre-tax profits of £9 million for the year to February 2, against £8.2 mil-lion, and will lift the dividend from 5p to 5.5p. Next year it could make at least £10 million, which would give earnings of 15p. putting it on a prospective priceearnings ratio of just under 12 times the ex-rights price of 176p.

With the Olympics in Barcelona and football's World Cup finals in America approaching, the shares should attract topical interest over the next two years.

The rights should be taken up.

Bond issues signal South Africa's return to capital markets

By Jon Ashworth SOUTH Africa is about to re-

emerge as an important player in international capital markets after the successful launch of its first public issues in six years.

Investors have been quick to snap up the republic's first broadly based public issue, an Ecu250 million (£178 million) Eurobond due to be allocated on February 10. A DM400 million (£141 million) five-year bond issue in September was scaled up owing to demand.

The success of the issues, after such a long absence, almost guarantees a stream of similar The money raised will help to fund housing provision and social services, as well as strengthen the republic's financial reserves. South Africa's return to the

world's financial stage has been carefully organised. Public sector institutions such as Eskom, the state electricity supply commission, raised DM650 million last year through the refinancing of existing bonds as they came up for maturity. Such refinancings were a subtle way of raising capital without enraging the republic's

The bulk of the capital was raised from private investors in Germany and Switzerland. By denominating its latest issue in ecus. South Africa has deliberately targeted the international community for the first time and is pleased that institutions, as opposed to the private investors who usually take up the bulk of such issues, account for 25 per cent of subscriptions.

Germany, which has overtaken Britain as South Africa's biggest trading partner, has been the destination for much of the republic's international paper in the past.

Deutsche Bank lead-managed September's issue with the support of Swiss Bank Corporation (SBC), Paribas and Kleinwort Benson. among others.

This year. South Africa plans to carry on raising capital through a mixture of new issues and bond refinancings. Paribas, which led the ecu issue, supported by SBC, is likely to emerge as the republic's main adviser on future launches. Stephen West, head of bond syndication at Paribas Capital Markets Group, said the aim was to attract a greater selection of investors into the South African name.

Mr West said: "To do an issue of this size is a sign of the strength of the republic. The ecu has broader appeal than the mark, and this one has gone to almost every country in Europe." South Africa was likely to branch into other currencies, including the dollar

☐ Stocks in Johannesburg closed on a subdued note as government ministers convened for what could be the last session of parliament under white majority rule.

President FW de Klerk gave warning that state expenditure would rise in the months ahead. This, he said, would increase an already onerous burden of tax and debt servicing. South Africa's return to international financial and trading markets would enhance the ability of the economy to grow.

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Halifax and the widow's mite

today, its branches will have brochures and posters telling small savers that they could be charged if they let their balances fall below £50 and that those with less than £250 will be able to make only two counter withdrawals a month without incurring charges.

he widow's mite is no longer wanted at the Halifax. From

This follows last year's decision by the largest building society to stop paying interest to people over 21 with less than £50 in their accounts.

Those among the Halifax's 13.6 million savers who do not visit their branches before the end of April could find a quarterly charge of £2.50 has been deducted without warning from their savings accounts when they next have their passbooks made up.

It is possible that those with tiny balances in savings accounts could have several quarterly charges nabbed from their accounts. The Halifax's computation are trained to identify those ters are trying to identify those with dormant accounts and they should receive a letter advising

them of the new charges. However, many of those letters are likely to go to former addresses and not reach the savers.

Those reach the savers.

Those reading the leaflets, entitled Managing Your Personal Finances, may miss the point if they do not read beyond the first few paragraphs. These tell savers that the Halifax wants to manage its business in a "professional and prudent way", and go on to talk of pressures on the margin between the interest received on mortgages the interest received on mortgages and the interest paid to investors and the need "not to put the society's financial security at risk".

Small accounts are not cost-

effective for the society, which is trying to reduce the queues at its counters. The cheque-based Maxim account escapes the new charges. That is no comfort for those who have opted for the cardcash account because it will not let them overdraw. They will

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LINDSAY COOK WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

be encouraged to move over to the Maxim cheque account, which will let them get into debt.

The society says it does not know how many people will be hit by the new charges. Its counter staff have all been trained to warn customers and explain how changing to the Maxim account, consolidating several small accounts or using the cash dispenser network could avoid the

charges.
The Halifax hopes that by reducing queues, the staff will have more time to counsel those behind with mortgage, personal

loan or Visa card payments. They will also have more time to sell more products to people with much larger balances and increase the profits.

Fair deals

I nvestors will hardly be surprised to learn that they have been disadvantaged by the very act designed to protect them. This week, the London School of Economics Business Performance **Economics Business Performance** Group said in a report, funded by the Unit Trust Association, that

investors have paid more to obtain a reduced choice.

More worryingly, the group expects consumer choice to narrow further, unless there are changes to the polarisation rules. These rules have forced most high street banks and building societies to opt to sell the products of only one insurance company.

Hamish McRae, the author.

says that the market has been split into an upper tier for the sophisticated customer and a lower tier for the unsophisticated punter. The majority of investors go to tied agents, who are limited in what they can sell. These customers end up unwittingly paying the higher commissions that have been paid to these agents by insurance companies to secure their business.

How much they pay and the effect it might have on the amount actually invested remains a closely

guarded secret at present. But the Securities and Investments Board is looking at the whole question of disclosure and rumour has it that it is becoming more sympathetic to the idea of letting investors know more about actual costs before they sign up.

The Securities and Investments

Board maintains that full disclosure of commission would disadvantage independent finan-cial advisers, as insurance companies would change their methods of payment to tied agents if these had to be revealed.

The LSE report suggests a way forward that would be welcomed by all investors and would treat independents and tied agents equally. It wants investors to be told how much of their lump sums

or premiums is actually invested.
If investors find out that only tiny proportions of their savings are actually invested, it might make it difficult to sell some products. But that can only be to the good and will reduce the number of unsuitable products

As financial hardship spreads, lenders are under growing pressure to fund counselling services

Debt advice threatened by cash shortage

THE future of the Money Advice Trust, the charity set up to channel private sector funds for debt counselling into Citizens' Advice Bureaux and money advice centres is being called into question because of lack of money.

The trust said this week that it might not be able to keep going in its present form unless building societies and banks gave substantially more than they have so far ...

The whole building society £63,000 directly to local initiatives. None has given money to the trust. Banks gave £88,000 directly to the trust last year and have pledged further funding. The trust says it needs £3 million a year.

So concerned is the government at the lack of money for this work that building society chief executives have been called to a meeting with Edward Leigh, the consumer affairs minister, on February 3, to discuss the future of the

The meeting is being interpreted by some societies as an attempt to put pressure on them to come up with more money to deal with the potentially embarrassing political problem of widespread debts and arrears in the run-up to the general election. Several societies, including the Wool-wich, the Leeds, and the Cheltenham & Gloucester respectively the third, fifth and sixth largest — said they did not expect to attend the meeting. The Alliance & Leicester, the fourth largest, has not yet committed itself. The two largest, the Halifax and the Nationwide, and the Bradford and Bingley will

attend. None of these societies has yet paid any money to the Money Advice Trust or plans to do so, although this week the Nationwide said it was putting up £345,000 to help. the London money advice unit of the Citizens' Advice

Citizens' Advice Bureaux and money advice centres funded from public money are increasingly stretched as the debt problem grows and local councils are struggling. The National Consumer Council is to publish a consultative paper on February 2

counselling provision has not kept pace with the growing demand. Figures from the NCC show that at best only one in seven people in debt is likely to be able to get money advice.

The NCC said: "We have always argued that the finance industry made a lot of money out of the credit explosion and now they have a responsibility to help people in difficulties."

Jean Eaglesham, senior researcher at the Consumers' Association, said: "Debt problems are going through the roof. Coverage seems to be very patchy and it often depends on where you live. Some CABs have big, wellstaffed debt counselling centres, while others have to manage with a general helper who is dealing with other things as well. It is question-able whether the private sec-

tor is doing enough." The Money Advice Trust was set up in 1990 to generate more funds for debt counselling from the private sector. Banks and building societies in particular were targeted, to ease the strain on publicly funded organisations like the Citizens' Advice Bureaux and money

advice centres. Adam Carnegie-Brown, the new director of the Money Advice Trust, said it aimed to provide a "coherent support system" for debt counselling services. These services provide advice on all sorts of debt, including mortgage arrears and repossessions. The trust asked lenders to pay £10 for every £1 million they lend. It hoped to raise £3 million a

year in this way. But last year, it identified



Eaglesham: patchy cover



only £63,000 given by building societies to local money advice initiatives, with no forward commitments. The trust has not received any money directly from building societies. Banks were slightly more generous, but only gave £88,000 between them to the trust. They have also pledged a total of £175,000 to the trust and a further £450,000 in secondments, of whom Mr Carnegie-Brown is one. Banks invested £400,000 in local initiatives last year with-

out going through the trust, and a further £500,000 is pledged locally for 1992-3. Mr Carnegie-Brown said: "If we don't get the funding we need from building societies, our aims will have to come under serious review, and the trustees would have to look again at our position. The banks have been generalsatisfactory, but the building societies stand out like a sore thumb."

Building societies have never been enthusiastic about funding the trust. They have always argued that they are already spending money training staff in branches to counsel people in debt. Several have introduced helplines or put on extra staff to deal with debt problems since the beginning of this year. People are directed to Citizens' Advice Bureaux if necessary. Some societies, like the Halifax, also say they contribute directly or indirectly to debt counselling services, like CABs. The Halifax is discussing seconding some of its employees to CABs this year. The Nationwide money is

pledged over the next three

years to the London Money

Advice Support Unit. John

Hutchinson, Nationwide's retail operations director, said: "We were looking for a way to get involved and this gives us a link both to London and to an information service nationwide. Although we can give advice on mortgage problems, people really need independent advice."

The society is not planning to give anything directly to the Money Advice Trust, however. "We don't think the Money Advice Trust will be as effective a support if it is just funded by a levy. It will be hands off with the tendency for all institutions to put in the minimum." Other lenders admit their main concern is always to get the mortgage debt paid rather than debts to credit card or hire purchase companies.

The Bradford & Bingley is planning to set up a Freefone line for borrowers to query statements or inform the societies of repayment difficulties. But the society said: "We are more concerned that where people are in debt, they make an effort to pay the mortgage back because it is secured. Independent money advice services may not give this

advice. The Cheitenham & Gloucester does a detailed check of incomings and outgoings for mortgage applicants and has now intro-duced a more detailed form which it hopes will stop people borrowing more than they can afford. The society said: "We don't see why we should fund something like the Money Advice Trust which is principally there to help borrowers from other lenders who have got into

A helping handset come plus child benefit.

IT WAS a familiar tale of mounting debt problems, fuelled by a seemingly endless recession. The man on the other end of the Europ Assis-tance confidential debt counselling helpline had been evicted with his wife and two children by his building society for non-payment of his mortgage (Sara McConnell

Although, unlike some, he still had a job, he was only working four days a week and was the only breadwinner. Outstanding poll tax bills and a large bank loan to start up a business completed the depressing picture of seemingly insurmountable debt.

Judy Abbott, a specialist debt counsellor, answering the phone at Europ Assistance's Sussex headquarters. advised him to visit his local Citizens' Advice Bureau and get hold of a booklet called Debt. A Survival Guide". This has a section for people to fill in their income and expenditure, which helps them to work out what they can afford to pay back to creditors. In this case, income

Mrs Abbott advised the caller to take the completed form back to the CAB to be checked over, then write off to creditors suggesting how much he could afford to pay back to each. Food, fuel and vital bills like the water rates were top priority, but other expenditure could be cut back to pay the creditors an agreed sum every week.

Mrs Abbott was one of a number of specialist counsellors invited by Europ Assistance, the support services company, to help run a free debt counselling helpline for members of the public for one day last Wednesday. The service was coordinated by Fenella Kemp, Europ Assis-tance's legal adviser and counsellor. The line received 503 calls.

Hugh McMurray, Europ Assistance's head of legal services, conceded that he hoped there would be a spin-off for the company with new business, but said: "Our main reason for doing this is to gauge the level of what is 8pm, Monday to Friday.

phone when they are in seri-

ous financial difficulties." Normally, people have access to Europ Assistance and other helplines only through their lender, although few lenders have yet started to offer this service. The Mortgage Corporation, the centralised lender has been offering access to a free confidential helpline manned by Europ Assistance for all its 60,000 borrowers. Barry Meeks, TMC's commercial director, said that hundreds of borrowers had called the

The Halifax also offers access to a Europ Assistance helpline for borrowers who have been made redundant but the service is only available to those taking out the society's mortgage protector

insurance. The National & Provincial's 350,000 borrowers have been able to call the society's new free debt helpline since January 17. The number is 0800 757500 and it is open from 9am to

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Lenders offer free job-loss protection

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR property market: "Unemployment and,

FREE unemployment insurance and cover against repossession are being offered to homebuyers and people remortgaging their properties, in an effort to stimulate the housing market. The policies are being offered because lenders feel that fear of unemployment is the biggest single factor holding back first-

time buyers. Citibank Mortgage is offering two years' free unemployment cover to all new borrowers this year. This cover on loans up to £120,000 or £1,000 a month will pay out for up to 12 months if the borrower loses his or her job. Those

borrowing more can top it up. Stephen Balme, marketing director of Citibank Mortgage, said the company wanted to reinject confidence into the

equally importantly, fear of unemploy-ment, has become the key factor behind this lack of confidence - as is illustrated by the closeness with which regional property prices match regional unemployment trends."

The policy covers unemployment alone, which is impossible for individnals to buy because insurance companies know that this accounts for the majority of claims on accident, sickness and unemployment policies. However, borrowers can add accident and sick-ness cover for £3.75 per £100 of mort-

gage payment a month. Typically a combined policy costs £6 per £100.

To qualify, the homebuyer must have been in continuous employment for the

previous 12 months. A survey by the Council of Mortgage Lenders indicates that 30 per cent of homebuyers in serious arrears are unemployed.

Nationwide Estate Agents is offering accident, sickness and unemployment

cover to anyone who buys or sells a property through the network and then arranges a mortgage through it. The Safeguard cover is for one year. The Stroud & Swindon Building Society is guaranteeing that it will not

take possession of homes during the first two years of mortgage, even if arrears should accrue through unexpected events. The Safeguard mortgage has a capped interest rate and offers accident, sickness and unemploy cover for two years.

Investor wins payout for obsolete account

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

won a victory this week when Stephen Edell, building societies ombudsman, ruled that the Nationwide should pay compensation to an investor whose account became

The Nationwide was held not to have given enough publicity on the difference in nterest rates between the old Bonus Builder account, which was closed to new investors. and the new one it launched at the end of 1990.

The society now has to pay compensation of about E30 to make up the difference. Other cases involving the Nationwide and other societies are likely to be decided along

Mr Edell argues that investors should be vigilant about their investments and societies must make sure the investors have enough information to make a proper choice.

In another case involving Nationwide, the ombudsman ruled that investors in 90-day accounts should not expect to move to a new account offered by a society without penalty. He said the argu-

BUILDING society investors ment that interest rates discriminated in favour of investors in the new 90-day account was outweighed by the fact that it had always been agreed that 90 days' notice or loss of interest in lieu

was required. However, such was the outcry from thousands of investors over the move that the Nationwide is likely to allow penalty-free transfers if they replace the current 90-day CapitalBuilder account.

Last year, the Rev Vivian Singh campaigned to get the society's rules changed so as to force it not to put existing investors at a disadvantage His resolution attracted 90,000 votes, but failed to beat the proxy votes held by the society's chairman.

Since then, the society has set up a Freefone line on 0800 400417 for investors to call to find out what the main discontinued accounts are paying and the best rates

Nationwide improved its publicity last year and now writes to members whose savings are in accounts closed to

counts offering similar features are launched.

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Late in 1990, societies tended not to inform investors of new accounts. Strong opinions voiced by investors stranded in low-paying accounts have changed that.

Mr Edell, and Jane Woodhead, the other building societies ombudsman, have had hundreds of cases referred to them relating to obsolete accounts. Competition for market

share has encouraged societies to launch new accounts offering better rates. They have until recently relied on the inertia of existing investors. People visiting branches infrequently could then be paid at a lower rate than the newly attracted investors. This allowed for better rates to be offered to attract the new money.

The onus has always been on the saver to seek out the best returns. Last summer the ombudsman suggested the societies should aid this by including main discontinued accounts in their interest rate advertisements. This should



Campaigner. Vivian Singh wanted rules changed

fusing their 90-day account with a new one.

The National & Provincial Building Society says that societies should provide quality advice and guidance. Its fre advice line on 0800 446600 helped more than 50,000 customers to choose a higher paying account last month.

The Halifax Building Society has tens of thousands of savers in its instant access Instant Xtra account who would benefit from changing to the Instant Xtra Plus account. The top rate for the old account is 6.68 per cent net on sums over £10,000. The

new account pays 7.31 per cent net on sums over £10,000 and has a top rate of 8.03 per cent on sums over £50.000.

Other closed accounts include the Woolwich's Prime and Premium accounts; Alliance & Leicester's Capital Choice and Gold Plus accounts, and the Leeds Permanent's Pay and Save and Paid-up Share accounts. Both of these pay 2.18 per cent net. Anyone with £25 or more transferring to the Liquid Gold account would get between 4.2 per cent and 7.35 per cent.

Refunds speed up on overtaxed savings

By LINDSAY COOK

MILLIONS of savers, whose income is too high to register their savings for gross pay-ment of interest but who do not need to pay tax on all their savings, will be able to claim back any overpaid tax immediately, the Inland Revenue announced this week.

The change will be of greatest benefit to pensioners. whose total income takes them just above their tax allowances. As a result, they cannot register for gross payment of interest on any of their bank or building society accounts, even if most of it falls within their allowances. Now, anyone claiming back £50 or more can do so as. soon as they have a certificate of interest.

Until this week, savers were told officially that they had to wait until the April 5 after the net interest was credited to their accounts before they could apply for a refund of overpaid tax. In this way, a single person with £3,296 income from bank and building society interest and no other income could wait up to a year for a £823.75 refund.

However, tax officials have been unofficially making re-

funds early. This new refund system brings tax deducted on savings accounts into line with tax deducted from dividends on shares and unit

Savers will, however, need to supply a certificate from their savings institution, de-tailing the tax deducted; before they can make a claim. This can result in long delays. When tax is deducted from dividends, a tax voucher is issued with the dividend BOtice to the investor.

Because fewer people than expected have claimed tax rebates on dividends, the 24 offices set up by the Revenue to pay such rebates have the capacity to process refunds on savings account interest. The setting up of their com-puters has also been com-pleted ahead of schedule.

The change from a year-end application for refunds to a regular flow of claims should case the anticipated

The Inland Revenue estimates that up to 8 million people will be able to claim back tax deducted from their

Last year, the Revenue spent £7 million telling non-

taxpayers to register their savings accounts for gross interest. So far, 12.5 million accounts have been registered out of a possible 22 million, working on the basis of 1.5 accounts for each non-

The Revenue will embark on another advertising campaign explaining how re-funds can be claimed, how to register and how to cancel a registration when circumstances change and a saver becomes a taxpayer.

More than 2 million mar-ried women have, since the introduction of independent taxation in April 1990, been able to claim deductions of tax on share and unit trust dividends. Large mumbers

have not done so.

The cost of paying the refund can be more than the tax refunded. A non-taxpayer holding the 100 free shares given to members of the Ab-bey National at the time of the flotation would have reccived dividends worth £9.50 in the year to April 5. 1991. The tax deducted would be £2.37 and the cost of refunding it is £12. By 1993-4 the cost of each refund will be

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Leeds repels boarder

JIM French, the Leeds Per-manent Building Society member who failed to win a place on the board of the society this week, is already planning to stand again next year (Lindsay Cook writes). Mr French, a refired jour-

nalist, received 19,998 votes to come last in the ballot for five board places, but he did save his £150 deposit because he had more than 20 per cent of the votes cast for the lowest successful candidate. This was Arnold Ziff, who got 78.213 votes The Leeds had not pub-

lished Mr French's election statement because he failed to send it to the society by the end of September, frie closing date for nominations. Next year he is determined that he should not be disadvantaged It will be his third attempt

to get on to the board, which has no member-directors. In 1990 he submitted the names and signatures of 69 supporters to the society. The Building Societies Act requires candidates to have the support of 50 members who have kept E100 in their accounts for two years continuously.

When the accounts of the 69 were checked, fewer than 50 had kept up the required amount. In 1991 the sup-



French: determined

porters passed the test but Mr French did not realise that as an outside candidate he should produce an election address, or statement, by the close of nominations and so missed the deadline."

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Housing market stimulants prominent among Budget submissions to Chancellor

Lamont urged to double Miras limit

AND LIZ DOLAN

A LATE plea for a doubling of the mortgage tax relief limit for new loans in the Budget on March 10 is expected to be submitted to Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, by the Council of Mortgage Lenders after its executive meeting next week.

Such an increase was first discussed with Treasury ministers in December, when the lenders were putting together their mortgage rescue pack-ages. At the time the Chancellor announced a temporary raising of the stamp thity threshold to £250,000 until August 19,

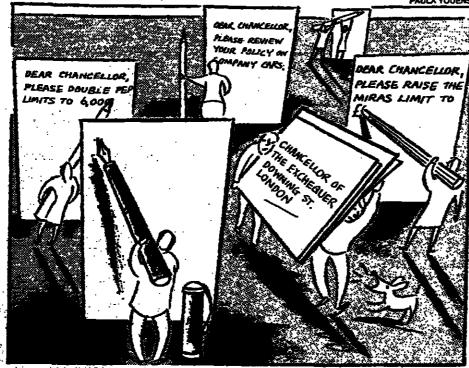
The lenders would also like

the permanent threshold raised from its current level of E30,000. Properties sold for more than £30,000 face a 1 per cent tax after August 19. Last week, Mark Boléat, the director-general of the CML, told a conference: "A simple-increase in the tax relief ceiling to, say, £60,000, would be very expensive, add-ing several billion pounds a year to government expenditure if it was applied also to existing loans. However, there might be the possibility of increasing the tax relief ceiling to say, £50,000 or £60,000, for new loans only, but combining this with limiting the period for which tax

relief was available." Mr Boléat has a knack of influencing Budgets. In January last year, he suggested that higher rate tax relief on mortgages might be scrapped without pain if the higher rate tax band started £4,000 later. The Budget actually increased the higher rate threshold by £3,000 when

spels

scrapping higher rate relief. The previous year Mr Boleat and the Building Societies Association made a late-



asking for the system of taxation of savings to be changed. The following month, the Budget an-nounced that composite rate

tax was to be scrapped.
Until recently all lenders had accepted that basic rate relief would be allowed to wither on the vine. But such is the desperate state of the housing market that some analysis now believe the government would be prepared to give something to first time buyers or for a limited time to new buyers.

This would be costly at first but could be limited to the first few years of a mortgage, or even balanced with a longterm reduction in the relief for-second and subsequent

At KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, the accountant, Loughlin Hickey, tax partner,

feels there is a slim chance raised from £30,000 to that the mortgage tax relief £80,000, and then indexed. ceiling could be increased for In addition, the RICS said all borrowers. "The increase that the duty should only be could be for a couple of years paid on the balance above the to help the housing market. threshold, not on the total Now that higher rate relief purchase price of the properhas gone it could not be acty. The RICS also wants to see cused of benefiting the more incentives to promote wealthy." He said the difficul-ty of raising the limit for firstenergy efficiency in both commercial and private property.

Tax relief on childcare or the removal of the tax burden on childcare benefits paid by employers, has featured in many submissions. Several lobby groups, including the Campaign for Tax Relief and Childcare, want childcare vouchers, subsidies on private nurseries and any other cash help given to employees for childcare to be exempted from tax. In the long term it wants some form of tax relief on the costs of childcare in

lobby groups after discus-sions with the Treasury that childcare paid for by employers will be exempted from tax. In the 1990 Budget, workplace crèches were exempted from tax. The move has benefited up to 4,000 parents.

The Association of Investment Trust Companies has asked the Chancellor to double the current £3,000 subscription limit for investment trusts in personal equity plans to £6,000, the current limit on all other equity-based Peps except unit trusts. The association said: "We do not think it right that a distinction is drawn for Pep purposes between investment trust companies and other non-trading or non-manufacturing companies. Property companies, other investment companies and insurance companies such as the Prudential all qualify in full for Peps."

The AITC has also called for the removal of the distinction between qualifying and non-qualifying investment trusts for Pens investors. It said: "It is illogical to continue to draw a distinction between qualifying and nonqualifying investment trusts when so many other companies which qualify in full within Peps hold substantial non-UK assets and earn substantial revenue from non-UK sources. The Unit Trust Association is equally keen to see the Peps limit for unit trusts doubled to £6,000. The UTA has pointed out to the Chancellor that more than two thirds of Peps taken out

were unit trust Peps. The UTA also wants money funds to be treated in the same way as bank and building society deposits for tax purposes, so that non-taxpayers can register for gross payment of interest. It wants

in each of the past two years

offer tax exempt special savings accounts.

Both the UTA and the Association of British Insurers are lobbying for tax changes to help them to compete more aggressively with their coun-terparts elsewhere in the European Community. The

UTA wants the Chancellor to

allow income from unit trusts to be distributed gross of tax to Continental investors. In other countries, the personal tax regime allows unit trust income to be paid free of tax. The ABI is urging the government to abolish taxation of the build-up of funds for life assurance policies sold to non-UK residents, leaving the proceeds from the policy to be taxed in the policyholder's

The Automobile Associ-

ation wants the Chancellor to put more emphasis on environmental improvements. Issues to be addressed should include taxing petrol, rather than vehicles; increasing taxation on bigger-engined cars; the widening still further of the price differential between leaded and unleaded petrol and diesel; and the exemption from new car tax of diesel cars and of vehicles that meet the new EC emmission standards. Road tax should be

own country.

frozen at £100. Alan Diamond, consultant to Redmayne Bentley, the stockbroker, has called for the urgent reform of capital gains tax, with special reference to wider share ownership. Mr Diamond suggests that investments held for four years or more, be removed from the CGT net altogether. Those held for between two and four years should be subject to a 20 per cent tax rate, without indexation relief, and those sold within the first 12 months should be subject to

the higher tax rate without

Parties draw commission from ranks

AS the general election draws nearer, political parties are doing more than just shake tins on doorsteps to raise campaign funds. Party affinity cards and savings accounts have so far brought in £350,000 for the Labour parry and £50,000 for the Liberal Democrats.

Bryan Gould, shadow environment secretary, introduced Labour's affinity Visa card at the party's autumn 1989 conference, in conjunction with the Co-operative bank.

The Liberal Democrats launched their own Co-op affinity Visa in autumn 1990. For each card account opened with a credit limit of £7,500 the parties receive £5. Beyond that limit they receive

Both parties followed up the card with the launch of a tiered, premier high interest savings account with a minimum investment of £500, also through the Co-operative

Nearly 8 per cent, or 24,500, of the Labour party's 300,000 members have opened Visa accounts now, and 1,000 have opted for savings accounts. More than 7,500 of the 87,000 Liberal Democratic members have set up Visa accounts but very few have opened savings ac-

counts. Tony Manwaring, manager of the Labour party business plan and head of the general secretary's office, said it had become possible for the party to supply financial products after it reorganised its membership lists on a national basis, breaking down the previous constituency groupings. "The

party has set about since the last general election to increase its funds, recruit more members and broaden services for members," he said.

Both Labour and the Liberal Democrats have gone on to promote other products. including friendly society bonds with Family Assurance (contributing £17.50 to party funds), personal loans, and general insurance.

Last autumn the range was extended to offer full, independent financial advice from the Co-operative bank's independent financial advice arm, Co-Operative Bank Financial Services.

The Labour party has just one proviso. It does not want to promote insurance investment companies which rejected the approaches of unions. On those grounds, two life offices have been rejected -one of which is regularly in the top five for with-profits performance.

Mr Manwaring said: "We don't wish to promote those companies and we don't believe our members would

wish to invest in them." But he added that, should members particularly wish to invest with the two "blacklisted companies", they could do so as clients of Cooperative Bank Financial Services rather than as members of the Labour party. The party will not receive any commission for those transactions.

The Conservative party does not promote any financial services.

It said: "We depend on our voluntary contributions and we feel that is the way members want to support

Mortgage rate cuts spread

LENDERS continued to announce cuts in their standard mortgage rates this week, following Abbey National's surprise decision to bring down the cost of loans to stimulate the stagnant housing marnew borrowers are being offered particularly low rates, as lenders see them as the key to recovery (Sara

McConnell writes). The Cheltenham & Gloucester has undercut its competitors by setting its new standard variable rate at 10.75 per cent (annual percentage rate 11.4 per cent) — a reduction of 0.75 per cent. Most other lenders have settled on a new rate of between 10.95 per cent and 10.99 per cent for standard loans. New borrowers with the

C&G will also get a 1 per cent per cent. New borrowers will discount, bringing their rate down to 9.75 per cent. They reducing their rate to 9.99 will benefit immediately per cent (APR 11.6 per cent). from the changes, while existing borrowers have to wait until April 1.

.. The Leeds Perm cut its basic rate from 11.5 per cent to 10.99 per cent (APR of 11.5 per cent). Firsttime buyers will get a further discount of 1.5 per cent cent for the first year, bringing their rate down to 9.4 per cent (APR 11.3 per cent). A first-time buyer will now pay less than £255 a month on a £40,000 endowment mortgage, £110 a month less than this time last year.

Borrowers at the Bristol & West will pay 10.99 per cent (APR 11.6 per cent) for their standard loans, a cut of 0.5

get a 1 per cent discount,

time buyers was that it would

put the onus on the lenders to

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mortgage interest relief ceil-

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raised from £25,000 to

£30,000. The stamp duty

threshold was set at £30,000

Chartered Surveyors is call-

ing for the stamp duty threshold for home buyers to be

The Royal Institution of

the following year.

The last increase in the

The Britannia has cut its rate for first-time buyers to 8.95 per cent (APR 11.5 per than 13 years. Chris Bonsall, general manager, lending, said: "I belive there are many potential first-time buyers just waiting to take the plunge. Highly attractive property prices combined with this 8.95 per cent rate should go a long way to getting the market moving.

ritannia's standard rate is 10.95 per cent (APR 11.6 per cent), down from 11.5 per cent. This takes effect immediately for new borrowers and from March for exist-

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BY SARA MCCONNELL

EVEN BEFORE HE WAS RORN IOHN WILLIAMS NEFDED FINANCIAL ADVICE.

assured, whatever happened.

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Their independent financial adviser had shown them too that such policies can also pay out substantial sums at critical points in a child's life - news which brought a smile to John's face when he was old enough to understand.

(Though whether he was suitably grateful for the school fees is open to question).

Certainly when he was old enough to start work, John followed his parents' example and investigated pensions straightaway. His independent financial adviser was able to help sort him out how much he should pay in and how much he could

As his income rose, John found himself considering (active investment rather than simply saving for a rainy day. Again with the benefit of financial married. Well meaning as it was, what John really needed was help to

arrange insurances and savings for two. And, of course, the

Almost everyone needs to borrow the money for their first home. Often people forget there's another side to it and so don't make their mortgage work hard enough for them. Not John. His adviser recommended an endowment as being the best option for John and found him the right one to link his payments to.

> And when John became a father he too made sure there was a life policy protecting his new family.

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THE Trustee Savings Bank (TSB) is to offer credit cards carrying a photograph of the holder to 15,000 customers in the Brighton area in a 12month pilot scheme. The scheme will use the TSB Trustcard, a combined credit card and £50 cheque guarantee card, and will test whether photocards are an effective way of combating credit card and cheque fraud. Card issuers lost £122 million on card fraud in 1990

and have committed £500 million over the next three years to fighting fraud. Photocards are one of several options being considered. The first cheque cards carrying photographs were pilot-

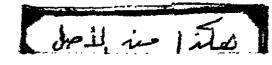
ed by the Royal Bank of Scotland last October. The scheme has this week been extended to a further 70,000 customers to assess retailer reaction. However, at an industry

conference on the credit card market this week, photocards were rejected as a long-term solution to fraud. lan Lindsey, banking director at Save & Prosper, blamed

card signatures carefully enough. He told delegates: "I am absolutely certain that the Royal Bank will see a reduction in fraud but if the industry as a whole was to adopt photocards. I believe that we would see a short term reduction in fraud and then it would rise again."

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From Mr C.J. Nisbet

Sir, I have been notified that. with immediate effect, Lloyds Bank are going to charge their customers £5 an item for mail forwarded. As for many others with a

necessarily nomadic life-style.

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of one's capital in unpredict-

able £5 steps. I have no practi-

CGT and transfers

Sir, Readers of Touche Ross's

comment on Mr Morland's

letter (December 14) might

like to know of another aspect

of the treatment of capital

gains tax involved in the

transfer of assets between

spouses. In July 1990, we sold

a cottage, which I had bought

in 1971, but a half share in

which I gave to my wife a few

weeks before it was sold. In-

land Revenue ruled that al-

though my share of the gain

was subject to cgt according to the normal rules, my wife's

share, while attracting the

£5,000 threshold, was abated

by indexation only for the

short period between the

If I understand Touche

transfer and sale.

From Mr A.A. Sorrell

cal option but to change to another bank which makes no such extortionate charges. Lloyds have lost an otherwise very satisfied customer of 25 year's standing. They will also lose the accounts of my children, whose even smaller bank balances must certainly not be exposed to Lloyds' depredations. And I have no doubt

Ross's reply correctly, if our gain had resulted from selling

shares, half of my holding of

which I transferred to my wife

before we both sold, she also

would have been able to claim

indexation for the whole per-

iod from March 1982, to the

accounts of many other customers when the impact of this new and questionable practice is felt. Have Lloyds Bank really thought this through? Yours faithfully, C.J. NISBET. Caudle Corner Farm. Fulbourn Old Drift, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge.

the date of sale. However, the

crucial point is that her base cost should in effect have re-

flected the balance of the in-

devation allowance from

March 31, 1982, to the date

of the transfer to her. This

happens because she is

deemed to have bought the

asset from Mr Sorrell for an

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time of sale. The taxation treatment of the gains on the two assets seems inconsistent. Yours faithfully. A.A. SORRELL Ranelagh, Siewarts Road. Week St Mary. Holsworthy.

Indexation allowance is only available for the period of ownership, so it would be quite correct for Mrs Sorrell only to receive indexation allowance from the date of transfer to

Registering a right to shares

From Mr David Shapiro

Sir, I am concerned that Mrs K. M. Watt (Weekend Money letters. January 11) appears to have accepted that, though she may receive the net proceeds of her own and her husband's original investment (which may, incidentally, be more or less than that investment), she will lose the right to retain those shares.

She says that in September she wrote to the registrars intimating their change of address, and that her son's holding is being treated in the normal way. Presumably she wrote only one letter, clearly ferring to all three shareholders by name, and stating both their old and their new address. If this is the case, and if the registrars, as a result of that letter, duly amended their records in respect of her son's holding, then they must have received her letter. If this is correct, I cannot understand how they can now say that her notice of change of address had not been received.

It seems to me that, if the

registrars have failed to give full effect to her letter, then they are responsible for her loss, which I think should not be limited to whatever the partly-paid shares can be sold sell them, but should take account of her reasonable expectation of future gain (including the bonus shares). Proper compensation would, of course, be the reinstatement of the holdings, but this is perhaps a question for a lawyer. I would certainly fight for more than merely the net proceeds of sale.

Yours faithfully, DAVID SHAPIRO, 34 Woodhill Crescent. Harrow, Middlesex.

Cash in hand

From Mr Neil Hutchings

Sir, There is a simple way for Dr Mary Corbett (Weekend Money letters, January [1] to obtain local currency in most European countries. She should open a Girobank account and then request a Postcheque card and book of Postcheques. These can be encashed very simply in any post office of participating countries without a charge being levied there.

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Yours faithfully. NEIL HUTCHINGS, 41 Trindles Road, South Nutfield, Surrey.

Children's income and tax

Sir, Regarding the income of children under 18, Touche Ross stated (December 28) that it is taxable at the parents' marginal rate.

If this income is derived from moneys given to the children by the grandparents is this not treated as the child's income personally? Yours faithfully,

F.K. AIREY. Beech Oast Farm. Beech House Lane. Salehurst, East Sussex.

The point which we were making in our previous response is that special rules apply where minor children derive income from capital given to them by their parents, as where the parents buy shares on their children's behalf or give them the money with which to do so. In such circumstances, the income generated is taxed as that of the parent who gives the capital. This is an antiavoidance rule, designed to

prevent parents from diverting their own investment income to their children in order to have it taxed at a nil rate or lower one (as each child is entitled to a personal allowance each year and his The rule only applies to gifts

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or her own basic rate band). from the parents: grandparents, aunts, undes and more remote relatives are not affected by it and income derived from their gifts is taxed as that of the recipient children. Even in the case of gifts from the parents. the rule only applies where the income arising exceeds £100 per annum per child.

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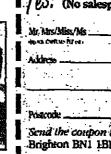
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It is big business for the insurance industry, but there is growing disquiet at the hard sell on pension switching

Beware the siren song of a pension transfer salesman

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THE recession has forced many people to change jobs. Even in good times, people change jobs, on average, four times during their working lives. People who have moved jobs should beware the insurance industry's latest hard sell

the pension transfer plan.
Insurance salesmen are persuading people to collect their pension contributions from previous employers and put these transfer values into personal pension policies.

Such transfer values have become big business for insurance companies. Scottish Amicable, for example, reported that it received nearly £90 million in transfer values last year. Maurice Paterson, deputy managing director, said: "The transfer value market remains buoyant and we continue to see this as a major business area in 1992."

However, even in the industry, there is some disquiet about the frequency with which transfers are being recommended to people who would be better off leaving their pension contributions with their ex-employer.

Barry Chambers, market-

ing manager of Family Assurance, which has set up a transfer advisory service, said: "We have had a considerable number of enquiries from people who have already made a transfer wanting to know if they have done the right thing. Unfortunately, many of them have been wrongly advised. Some were ex-public employees whose pension benefits were indexinked. No personal pension can provide that kind of guarantee. Others were within five or six years of retirement,

which to make up the initial charges deducted from the personal pension plan." Mr Chambers added: "Of

which is a very short time in

those who haven't yet transferred, when they approach us for advice, we have found that around 50 per cent should definitely not do so."

The reason that so many people are being persuaded to take transfer values is that they are being shown projections which indicate that a personal pension will give them a considerably higher pension at retirement than their old scheme.

One broker, for example, quotes the example of a woman, aged 31, who could end up with a personal pension of £7.870 per annum against the £4.952 she can expect from her ex-employer. Or a man, aged 46, who might receive £55,000 from a personal pension at 60 compared with £31,000 from his old company scheme.

The snag with these comparisons, however, is that it is assumed that an individual's personal pension plan will grow at 13 per cent a year. In practice, the actual rate of growth will depend on investment conditions and the results achieved by the personal pension provider. They could be very different.

Most transfer values are being put into unit-linked personal pension contracts. Figures for managed pension funds over the past ten years, from Planned Savings Data Service, show that while the average gain was just more than 14 per cent a year, the worst performer achieved growth of less than 9 per cent

Many investment commentators have warned that future investment conditions are likely to be less favourable than they have been over the past ten years.

The deferred pension paid by a previous employer, on the other hand, if it is a final



salary scheme, must be revalued each year. The guaranteed minimum pension (if it was a contracted out scheme) is normally increased by 7.5 per cent a year and the remainder by at least the rate of inflation or 5 per cent a year, whichever is less. Roger Key, pensions expert at R Watson & Sons, the consulting actuary, said: "Making comparisons between a deferred company pension and a personal pension is extremely difficult. The figures are

based on completely different assumptions and vital aspects, such as discretionary increases, which can be worth a considerable amount, are often ignored.

"The pensions themselves are not always quoted on a comparable basis. Apart from the increases a company scheme may provide, there are also the widow's or widower's pensions to be taken into account. The amount of pension you can buy with a personal pension cannot be predicted accurately anyway, as it will depend on annuity rates at the time."

For some people, however. a transfer might be advanta-geous if the scheme of the former employer is clearly a poor one - for example, if it is a money purchase scheme invested with an insurer that has a poor performance record, or has been less than generous with the increases given to pensioners. However. Mr Key pointed out that if an employee's previous pension fund has a surplus he or she would be well advised to wait a while before taking a transfer value. In the next year or two, it is expected that such companies will be forced to distribute these surpluses to the members.

Young employees, who have only a small amount with an ex-employer that they fear they might lose touch with by the time they reach retirement, might find a transfer to a personal pension convenient.

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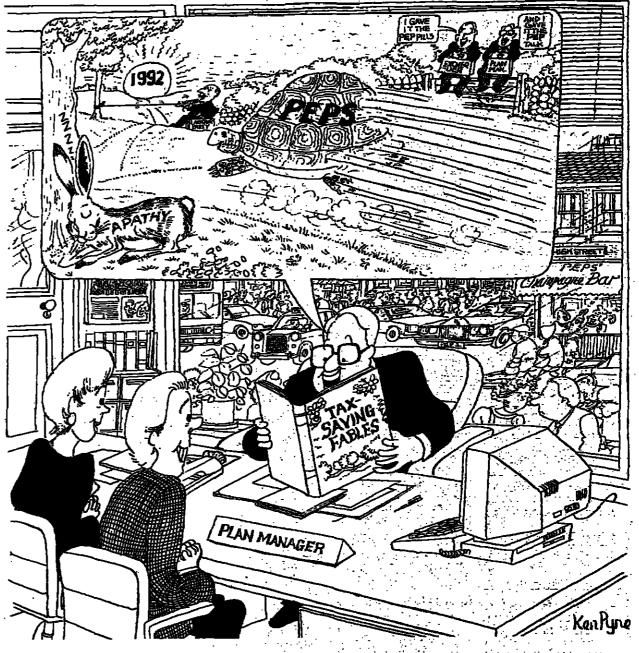
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Year of promise for a slow starter



he Personal Equity Plan (Pep), which ical twinkle in Nigel Lawson's 1986 Budget, is now a sturdy five-year-old. The Pep, the offspring of privatisation, was conceived as a means of encouraging people to invest directly in British industry. Nurtured in successive Budgets, it has based investment product,

ous tax breaks and greater flexibility than ever. After a slow start, people seem to be getting the Pep message. Since January message. Since January 1987, 1.5 million plans have been taken out, and £4 billion invested. There are nearly 500 plans to choose from, and more than 200 manage-

ment houses. However, just as the Pep seems to be thriving, its existence is threatened. The Labour party is not fond of the Pep and is likely to prevent any new ones being launched if it forms the next government, although existing plans probably will be left

As a general election looms, the opportunity for a closing-down sale, combined with the end of the tax year, is becoming a heady brew for marketing departments. With or without a change of government, 1992 will be a turning point for the Pep.

Any UK resident aged over

18 can take out one general Pep per tax year through a plan manager, that is, a bank, a building society, a stockbroker or an investment house. The Pep can be invested in shares alone, or in a mixture of unit trusts or investment trusts and shares, or both, up to a £6,000 maximum. There are unit trust-only and investment trust-only Peps, which have a £3,000 limit. This month single-com-

pany Peps (SCPs) were also introduced. These allow up to £3,000 to be invested in the shares of one company in addition to the £6,000 general Pep limit.

in all types of Pep, divi-dends and capital gains are tax-free. This arrangement has two benefits. Investors pay less tax, and dividends reinvested gross should give the Pep a better performance in the long run than standard portfolios. Despite these advantages, the first Peps had a shaky start. Hedged about with rules and restrictions, they were expensive to administer and awkward to market even before the October 1987 crash damaged confidence in

all equity investments. Then, after the Budget, which abolished the minimum holding period and brought in higher investment limits, growth took off. The trigger was the limit on qualifying unit trust and investment trust holdings, which rose from £540 to £2,400 a year.

"Investment management companies had seen Peps as an interesting savings idea.

Christine Whelan explains why Peps could be money-makers, whichever party wins the election

benefiting a small number of people," says Keith Crowley, of Invesco MIM, one of the they could see their potential as a mass-market product."

The number of Peps taken 1988 to 580,000 in 1989 and the first quarter of 1990. while unit trusts' share of Pep holdings by value also increased from 13 per cent to

The profile of Pep investors also showed a wider appeal. tors and increase their share of the market. Instead, Norman Lamont, the extra, £3,000, allowance

return to their original purpose of channelling British savings into British industry. Pep enthusiasts believe, that the case for investing in Peps this year is

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By acting quickly at the The Bradford & Bingley Building Society, one of the turn of the tax year, a married couple can shelter up to £36,000 of investments from first and still among the biggest Pep providers, says more than 75 per cent of its income tax, capital gains tax and the outcome of the gener-Pep holders are basic-rate taxpayers, and include many al election. The argument is blue-collar employees. that even if investors are not-The rapid growth of Peps was not without setbacks. now subject to capital gains tax, this concession is likely to

however. Administration systems in some companies could not handle the flood of applications and did not keep adequate records of every client's portfolio. Imro, the regulatory body, fined Confederation, Hill Samuel, Invesco MIM and Mercury breaching the rules.

These problems were soon solved, but Peps still have their critics, who say income tax savings, especially on growth Peps, where dividends are low, are small and can be wiped out by high charges. The critics argue that the capital gains tax exemption benefits only wealthy investors, who already use their E5,500 annucarrots should not be used to tempt small investors into

Before the 1991 Budget. the unit trust industry lobbied to have the £3,000 limit on unit trust-only Peps raised to £6,000, on the grounds that it would reduce risk for inveslans is wider than ever and i

lest year by launching a new tends to repeat this in March strong track record.

Some European Peps are already on the market, based on unit trusts that have a good record of investing in European markets. Since January 2 there has also been a flood of SCPs, sponsored either by blue-chip com-panies for investments in their own shares or by thirdparty managers offering a

choice of shares. With such an array on offer, the investors biggest problem is how to choose the right plan. This problem is made more difficult by the lack of any industry-wide standard for comparing performance and charges.

For example, a general Pep containing unit trusts and shares will attract initial and annual charges on the unit percentage of the investment phis brokerage charges on the shares, expressed in cash terms. Performance also can be measured only by splitting the Pep into its constituer parts and even then it will vary from plan to plan depending on the amount and iming of contributions. Any tax-free scheme carries

a danger that the tax tail will wag the investment dog, but tax-free status does not guarantee good performance, as some Pep holders have found to their cost. This year investors should be especially wary and not be particked into a Pep if the underlying investment is not right.

For investors with shares who wish to shelter them, or for taxpayers who are considering equity investments, the Pep this year looks more attractive than ever.

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Look before you buy a plan

The sales pressure is on, writes Jon Ashworth, but the expert advises investors to be cautious

ewspapers and billboards will soon be screaming with slogans: Buy now! Take out a Pep before it is too late. Call it election fever if you will, but Pep companies are intensifying efforts to make investors buy while they can. Using the threat that a Labour government might ban all new Peps, they hope to encourage savers to move their money from the building society to the stock market with a tax-free

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wrapping.
They could be right but the worst thing an investor can do is to rush. More than 400 Peps are now available compared with a handful when the plans were introduced in 1987, and performance var-

ies tremendously.
"It is very difficult for the investing public to know what they are letting themselves in for," says John Spiers, the editor of Best Pep Selections, who probably knows as much about Peps as anybody. "You have got to look beyond the marketing hyperbole in any of these launches to see really what you are being sold.".

Mr Spiers, who charts the fortunes of different plans for financial advisers and private investors, says pressure to buy

is stronger now than ever.
"Labour's Peps policy is not clear, but there is little doubt that the tax breaks for new investors will be scrapped," he says. "That is why it is such an incredibly strong selling point at the moment. Not only have you got the 'buy now while stocks' last' philosophy, but you have also got the fact that the tax benefits you can see there today could be worth an awful lot more if Labour's tax regime is imposed."

Income tax could hit 59 per cent and the capital gains threshold could fall to £1.000, so the case for using Peps as a first step into stocks is compelling. Few advertisers have missed the point, and some imminent Pep launches will fuel the fire.

The difficulty is deciding which Peps are worth choosing. Illustrations of "spectacular" performance can be misleading, and Mr Spiers did superbly four years ago certain to set a record.

sciective use of statistics can disguise this. The choice of fund manager is also

Look beyond the statistics at what is happening at that group." Mr Spiers .says. Have there been personnel changes? Is it a team effort, or is one person running it? If that person leaves, you need to look carefully at whether to stay with that fund."

Mr Spiers has all the infor mation at his fingertips but even he can get things wrong. For two years he has amended the Fidelity Special Situations unit trust, a fund that performed brilhantly in its time but has become one of the worst performers. "It is the same manager but he has picked quite a few companies that have gone bust," Mr Spiers says. "Fortunately, his shares portfolio in the Pep has been outstanding, so the Pep's overall result is not bad."

The key, for private investors, is to take a long-term view. During three years or more, shares are almost certain to outperform a typical bank or building society account. Since the beginning of 1987, the FT All-Share index has gained 36 per cent with

Spiers says: "Any manager will have bad patches, but if his long-term record is good I think you can draw some comfort during these bad periods. He will recover it in due course and have a spectacular year, which will regain you those losses.

"The important thing is to spend a lot of time before you make your investment decision, and consider all the options open to you before you decide which manage ment group to go with."
About £3.5 billion have

been invested in Peps since they were introduced in the 1987 Budget, but the plans got off to a shaky start. An easing of rules in 1989 triggered a new wave of enthusiasm. As a result £1.5 billion were invested in the 1080-00 tax year and £1:2 billion in



Editor with a view: "Look beyond the marketing hyperbole to see what you are being sold," John Spiers says

The prospects for equity investment appear good, Mr Spiers says, but convincing investors is no easy task. He says: "Today it is quite difficult to find people in pubs or clubs talking about how successful their equity investment has been because during the past three years most equity funds have underperformed a building society deposit account. The wise thing has been to keep

your money on deposit. "However, that is looking backwards. You must look forwards. The indicators are that equity investment at today's values looks attractive, but that is always the most difficult time to encourage people to take advantage." The choice of plan is determined by the basic

decide on their investment, where in the majority of cases requirements. A high-income Pep specialising in income share investment trusts may be a good choice for low-risk investors. For the more adventurous, a special situa-

tions or recovery trust may be

Choosing a self-select Pep often comes down to the level of the charges. The range of share available is also important, and some plans allow investors to deal only once a month, so the timing of a sale or purchase is far more speculative.

Potential investors have always been concerned about the level of charges. Mr Spiers agrees that charges were high initially but says they are no longer the issue they were. "Since the rules

they are no longer a cause for concern," he says. Charges are often the deciding factor in the case of self-select Peps, in which in-

> nvestors should, however, be aware of the range of shares that may be included and watch out for restrictions on dealing. Mr Spiers says: "As long as the plan manager does not place some great restrictions on you in terms of the sort of shares you can buy or the date on which you can deal, then it

the shares in their portfolio.

Lloyds Bank offers one of the cheanest self-select but the list of shares is restricted to

really just comes down to

specified date every month to benefit from the cheapest rates - an arrangement that may expose them to sudden movements in share prices." The Alliance Trust is also vestors are given a choice over good value, but the shares list

is restricted and the first £900 of an investment must be channelled into an Alliance investment trust. The scepticism with which the arrival of Peps was greeted has long disappeared, and any serious investor should give them careful consider-

ation. Mr Spiers agrees: "The moral of the story is that being able to invest onshore in a tax-free environment is an exceptional opportunity, and no matter how big you are as an investor, the allowances you are getting at the moment over a period of just



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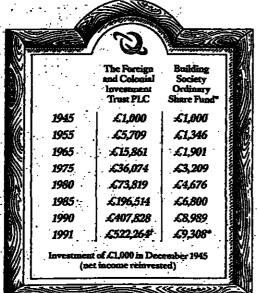
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How to find winners

Performance is not always indicated by statistics.

'past performance is no guarantee to future returns" is now a familiar part of the marketing literature for financial products.

Yet in spite of the regulators' desire to steer people away from choosing investment products on the basis of past performance, investors are still interested in performance tables and statistics. Pep performance is, howev-

er, notoriously difficult to monitor, and investors seek-ing this kind of information could be disappointed. Many of the usual providers of statistical information give Peps a fairly wide berth. Some, such as Micropal,

can provide figures on the performance of the unit trusts and investment trusts that are linked to Peps. Micropal does this by calculating the perforHazel Spink advises investors on assessing funds investment trusts over five should not always pick a Pep

mance of a trust with gross income reinvested. Information on full Peps, which contain an element of investment into direct equities, seems impossible to find. Pep providers say nobody can monitor the performance of full Peps because the basket of shares they hold on investors' behalf often changes.

A Micropal executive says: "It is the variety of Peps that makes them difficult to monitor. If investments within a Pep remained static, it would be a simple matter, but because switches can be made they are administratively difficult to monitor." Micropal's figures do show, however, that investors

simply because they are familiar with the investment group. Many companies with top-performing unit trusts or investment trusts also have poor performers in their stable of funds.

For example, over one year to January 6, Save & Prosper's American Smaller Companies was up more than 46 per cent, making it third out of 316 funds. Its Energy Industries fund was down 13.3 per cent and was last. So investors must discover not only which investment groups have good track records but also in which sectors they are strongest.

years were Newton Income (up 247.69 per cent). Framlington's New Throgmorton Income (up 221.2 per cent), Guinness Mahon High Income (up 207.07 per cent). Rights & Issues Income (up 198.98 per cent), Rights & Issues Capital (up 187.93 per cent), Touche Remnant City cent). Touche Remnant City
of London (up 187.12 per
cent), Moorgate (up 173.02
per cent) Guinness Mahon's
Temple Bar (up 169.98 per
cent), Framiington's Throgmorton Dual Income (up
168.95 per cent) and Eagle
Star's UK High Income (up

164.89 per cent). The worst over the same period were S&P Gold Explo-

Invesco MIM'S Drayton English & International (down 8.54 per cent), Trust of Property Shares (down 3.9 per cent), Allied Dunbar Second Smaller Companies (up 7.57 per cent), Framlington's Throgmorton Trust (up 14.89 per cent), S&P Japan Growth (up 24.54 per cent), Framlington's New Throg-morton Capital (up 28.63 per cent), S&P European Growth (up 28.84 per cent) and S&P Special Situations (up 28.97 per cent). For the sake of comparison.

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over five years to October 31 1991, £100 invested in a high-interest building society account would be worth £156.40 (an increase of 56.4 per cent). Over the same period, the Retail Prices Index was up 36.9 per cent and the FTA-All Share Index was up 80.6 per cent.

Although the top-performing funds easily outper-formed building societies. some of the worst-performing funds lagged far behind, showing the importance of the right investment decision. Among the best-performing unit trusts over three years were Newton Income, Gartmore British Growth, and Schroder Enterprise. Some of the best-performing investment trusts included TR City of London and Dunedin Income Growth. Over one year the Bishops

gate Pep, Britannia Life American Growth and S&P Smaller Companies per-formed well.

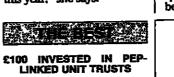
Bottom of the table were S&P Energy Industries, Scot-tish Amicable Equity Strategy and Abtrust European. Although there are no in-

dustry-wide figures for the performance of full £6,000 Peps, with an equity element, a few companies give statistics for their own Peps. One such company, Schroder Unit Trusts, offers three Pep portfolios - growth, income with interest and dividends reinvested, and income without reinvestment.

n the year to December 31, 1991, Schroder's growth portfolio went up by 24.19 per cent. This was with 50 per cent invested. in the Enterprise trust and the balance in ten growth equities. The first income portfolio, with income reinvested went up by 10.1 per cent, and the second, without income reinvested, rose by 7.8 per cent with £157.95

Over that year to October 1991, a high-interest building society account increased by 9.3 per cent. RPI was up by 4.1 per cent.

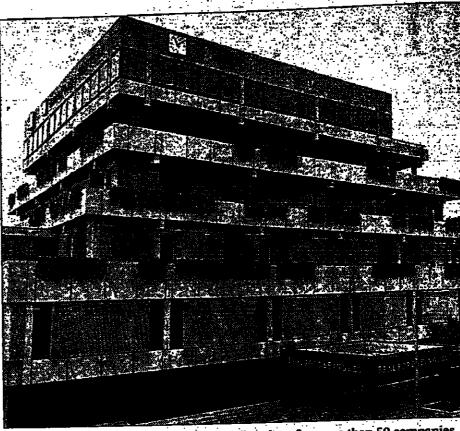
Bridget Cleverly, the head of marketing at Schroder, says that of the £197.2 million worth of unit trusts the company sold last year £12.8 million went into Peps. "We entered the Pep market quite late and it is an area where we are determined to improve this year," she says.



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& Bingley already has 20,000 corporate Pep plan holders on its books. He believes the demand for these investments will grow

in 1992 with investors' increasing awareness of the Pep's tax advantages. He says: "Judging by pub-lic reaction, interest in cor-

porate Peps has taken a big eap. Going on current enquiries, we are looking to take 25,000 plans this year." Companies have wanted to sponsor corporate Peps because the investments help

Help for employees: Norman Lamont

standard Peps run by investment managers. With only one share they are simpler and therefore cheaper to

One main disadvantage of corporate Peps is that investors cannot transfer shares they already hold into the plan. Even this can be overcome by "bed-and-breakfasting" - selling the shares and immediately repurchasing them through the Pep in such

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spread. However, this could produce a liability to capital gains tax if the shares were originally acquired at a much

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breakfasting and thereby eliminating capital gains tax. The SCP innovation has also allowed any investors to make a total Pep investment of £9,000 in any one year. This is because an SCP can be held alongside a standard Pep or even another corporate Pep. The obvious disadvantage of corporate Peps is that investors may be putting all their eggs in one basket Most investors should perhaps consider a corporate Pep or an SCP only if they have estab-

portfolio of other investments. This may be less true for employee investors hold the shares, such as identity with their employer.

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New rules on Peps this year will be the main beneficiaries of the new probably benefit employees Pep rules, which came into effect on January 2. most, reports Christine Whelan trust. The shares must be transferred within 90 days of

have gained a considerable

sum. The chance to shelter at

least some of those gains from

tax at little or no cost is a

Shares can be transferred

employee's company or by

employee's point of view, third-party managers are un-

further bonus.

Although all investors can take out new-style singlecompany Peps (SCPs), emplovees whose companies offer share-save or profitsharing schemes receive taxleaving the employee share saving and cost-saving scheme, and there is only one Employees of private com-

from Peps for the first time.

SCPs, which were an-nounced in the 1991 Budget, allow investors to invest an extra £3,000 in a tax year in the shares of a single company, in addition to the Pep. It was already possible to invest £6,000 annually.

Corporate Pep contributions can be made only in cash, however, and this means that investors wishing to transfer shares into a Pep have to "bed-and-breakfast" them — seiling them and repurchasing them through the Pep in a way that avoids a bid-offer spread. This incurs dealing costs and possible capital gains tax liability.

These rules apply to ordinary investors who take out

SCPs, but for employees the rule is waived if shares are transferred from an approved employee share scheme, such as a save-as-you-earn scheme through a bank or building society or a profit-share scheme through a company

sion that may help private company employees whose

chance to do so, although if the scheme matures at the end of this tax year, an employee could transfer SCPs if they are transferring shares rather than investing each For them too company-£3,000 worth of shares into a sponsored SCPs are likely to 1991-2 SCP and £3,000 worth into a 1992-3 SCP. be better value than investing cash. For them too, compaywithin the 90-day limit. This concession is poten-tially valuable, because many sponsored SCPs are likely to be better value than plans managed by a third party. employees who take up their strike price fixed five or seven in which they wish to invest years previously under a sponsors its own Pep. share save scheme find they

his should not worry FTSE-100 investors. as most blue chips either have, or intend to have, their own SCP. There is a case, however, for investing through an outside manager's SCP if the share's into an SCP sponsored by the growth or yield potential is any Inland Revenue-approved manager. From the high enough to offset the management fees, and if the share is intended to be a longterm hold.

likely to be able to compete on cost with a company SCP. So far, unit trust houses The rules on qualifying have been slow to offer SCPs SCP holdings have also been as they cannot claim added relaxed for employee share value for their fund manageschemes. Private company ment skills. Stockbrokers are more likely to offer low-cost and non-European company terms, along with the high shares may also be transstreet Pep specialists Natferred into an SCP, a conces-

ional Westminster, Lloyds, Bank of Scotland and Bradford & Bingley.

Investors choosing a thirdparty manager can also switch their SCP share without tax penalty during the year if they feel they have picked a dud. Companysponsored SCPs usually allow only withdrawals.

New-issue shares, except investment trusts, can also be transferred into an SCP without dealing costs within 42 days of issue, so quick-acting buyers of BT shares could have placed up to £3,000 of the partly paid shares into an SCP by January 20. Putting partly paid shares into an SCP has implications for the further instalments, however, so take advice before any new

issue or privatisation. This year's other change in Pep rules extends the range of qualifying Pep shares to European Community company shares, and unit trusts or investment trusts that are 50 per cent or more invested in EC countries.

Nobody seems to think Peps give a viable direct route into EC equities, however. The difficulties of establishing qualifying status and reclaiming withholding tax are variously described as "mind-boggling" and "a nightmare" by Pep managers. However, for unit trust managers with a good European track record, such as Fidelity, the concession is a useful chance to widen the range of Peps on offer.



In line for the first BT shares: new-issue shares may now be transferred into an SCP without dealing costs

Made for higher-rate taxpayers

SHOULD you invest in Peps now. as their future is under threat if Labour win the general election?

Is it worth investing up to £9,000 in equity-based investments in this financial year, and then possibly up to £9.000 more on April 6. if Labour could stop future contributions to Peps or the Conservatives could cut income and capital gains taxation so that the tax advantages are reduced?

There is one golden rule: do not let the tax tail wag the investment dog. If you are risk-averse, dislike equity investment, are terrified that you could suffer capital loss because of stock market fluctuations, horrified at the thought that your investments are registered in somebody else's name, or have a fundamental objection to up-front initial charges, a Pep is probably nat for you

Put your money instead into a tax-exempt special savings account (Tessa) and relax, knowing your capital is safe and your income is taxfree so long as you last the five-year course. There are no up-front charges and any charges on income are claimed to be low and generally hidden from you.

If. however, you can accept the investment risks, lack of direct ownership, and the higher charges compared with other forms of equity investment, is a Pep better than direct investment into equities or through investment trusts or unit trusts? If

a Pep is probably not better. The extra charges on Peps could well negate any shortterm tax savings on dividend income or capital gains - that is, if you or the Pep manager achieve any. If you achieve no savings, carried forward Pep losses are useless for tax purposes.
For the longer term in-

vestor, much depends on tax profile and type of investment profits. A basic-rate. taxpayer, without a large



Michael Bryant: good decision whichever party wins

you are a short-term investor, share portfolio, is unlikely to generate sufficient capital gains every year, taking into account annual exemptions, to take full advantage of the Pep gains tax exemption. If. however, the Pep investment is geared to a high-yielding investment, the tax saved on dividend income can make the exercise worthwhile, even if tax rates are lowered by the Conservatives or future Pep investments are

banned by Labour. Peps are a must for higherrate taxpayers, particularly those with large equity portiolios, which already use up annual capital gains tax

Saving tax at 40 per cent on all income and capital gains derived from a total possible maximum Pep investment of £18,000 before the next general election has to be the overriding argument to invest in eq nities through a Pep.

MICHAEL BRYANT The author is the marketing director of Rathbone Brothers

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"I am concerned that inves-

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A spokesman for the Asso-ciation of Investment Trust

Companies (AITC), the investment trust industry's trade association, says: "Gen-

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"We would also advise in-vestors to look at each trust on

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narrowed," ays Peter Jeffreys,

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Risks of placing all your trust in tax benefits

ost activity in the Peps market dur-ing 1991 centred of a tax loophole that allowed the full £6,000 Pep allowance

investment trust. M&G was the first investment group to exploit this loophole, spending almost £2 million in promoting the launch of its first Pep-able investment trust, the Income Investment Trust

The new trust attracted £246.5 million in its launch period, about £122 million of which went into Peps. So successful was last year's launch that M&G is to launch a second investment trust, the Recovery Investment Trust, next month.

This time, the company is expected to spend about £3 million advertising the new trust. National and trade press advertisements will be supported by a £500,000 television campaign.

About 20 investment trusts were launched during 1991, raising about £764.2 million. More than half of these trusts were linked to Peps, although unfortunately there are no industry figures to show how much of the money raised actually went into Peps. Peps also provided a much needed fillip to the beleaguered unit

trust industry last year. At best, world stock markets could be described as volatile during 1991, and selling equity-based products was not easy.

Yet during the first nine months of 1991, net new investment in unit trust Peps topped the figure for the whole of 1990, with £519.7 million of unit trust Peps sold by September, com-pared with £500 million for the whole of 1990.

Peps have undoubtedly boosted sales of investment trusts and unit trusts." says Robin Bloor, a director of the financial advisers Chase De Vere. "Many investors are buying Peps because they offer tax-free investment rathThe discovery of a legal loophole led to an increase in business last year, Hazel Spink reports

er than because they want an Management. Concern has also been expressed within

equity-related investment.
"It is undoubtedly true that Peps have been an important and valuable asset to unit

Inland Revenue statistics showed that in 1990-1, 500,000 Peps were taken out. amounting to £1.6 billion. In April 1991, the month for which the most up-to-date figures available, 32 per cent of this was invested in unit trusts, 4 per cent in invest-ment trusts and 54 per cent in shares. The balance was

he spate of investment trust launches has led to renewed calls for a relaxation of the Pep rules so that the full Pep allowance can be invested in a unit trust or investment trust. At present, only £3,000 can be invested in a collective investment scheme.

"Although I think this loophole is a good thing, it is unfair of the government to limit the amount that can be invested in an investment trust or unit-trust," says James de Sausmarez, the managing director of Touche



Robin Bloor: Peps assets

of investment

Count the cost

Assessing the price that you pay for your Peps is important

FOR many investors, Peps certainly deserve serious consideration as part of a balanced portfolio. There is, however, a school of thought that the cost structure can erode the tax savings, so that Peps are useful only for investors who pay higher-rate income tax or capital

gains tax.
In practice, many other aspects should be looked at before charges are considered. First, investors must decide whether they want to invest in shares with inherent risk and reward factors.

If they do, which instruments and what geographical investment exposure are required — from a single share to an inter-national spread of equities and unit trusts and investment trusts?

The next decision has to be between income and growth. Usually tax efficiency will be greatest from reinvested in-come. Investors also have to

accept that equity invest-ment should be long-term. Prospective investors then have to choose a registered scheme manager with the required expertise and experience, and, of course, a record of quality management performance and a long-term commitment to

looking after Pep clients.
Only then do investors have to look at charges.
These cover administration. setting-up, management, reporting and compliance expenses, and they normally fall into three categories: initial, annual and dealing.

There may be costs to cover other optional items.

There is no such thing as an average charge. Usually, you get what you pay for. Most managers, however, know that their charging structure will be a consideration and they will try to keep charges low or provide added value elsewhere.

A comparison of the cost of a Pep with the short-term tax savings usually depends on the performance achieved. However, if investors have decided on equities to achieve a diversified portfolio, a Pep facility added at small cost makes it an attractive investment vean attractive investment vehicle for many people. This is particularly true of the first £6,000 that may be invested into a general Pep.

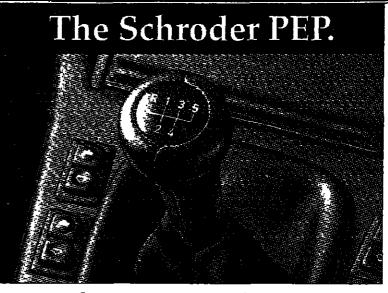
However, investing £3,000 in a single-company Pep (SCP), which was permitted from January 1, would be like putting a lot of eggs in one basket for many investors. A cautious ap-proach to the SCP would be

advisable.

The real advantage of a Pep is the totally tax-free status it gives the underlying investments. Income from dividends is untaxed and there is no capital gains tax on the profits.

The costs of all 500 Pep schemes are in Chase de Vere's Pep Guide (E8.95), which you can obtain by telephoning 071-404 5766.

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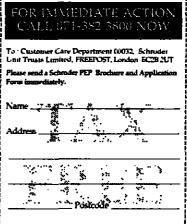
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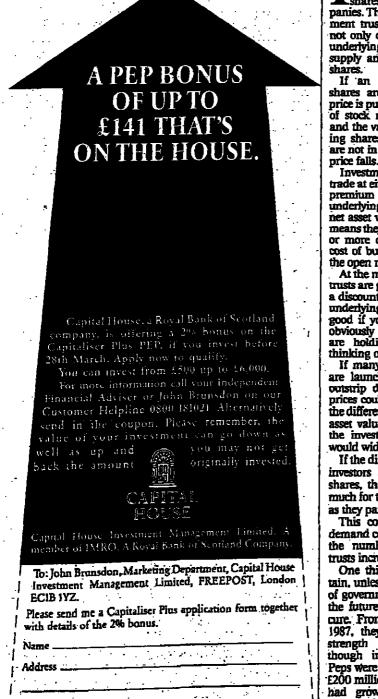
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FROM SIMON BARNES IN MINNEAPOLIS

MARK Rypien, quarterback of the Washington Redskins, has already achieved the impossible. In 1988, he went through Super Bowl week without giving a single inter-view. This is something I have never managed myself ("and do you see football as a threat to sah-kurt?"), and I don't even look like a player. It is an achievement not to be underestimated.

In 1988, Rypien was a no-body, a third-string quarter-back; an understudy's understudy. He was the stuff from which understudies are made. Injury-prone, mistake-prone, inconsistent. But this season he has

transformed himself into one of the best quarterbacks in the game. Most observers expect to him to be the key player when the Redskins take on the Buffalo Bills in Super Bowl XXVI here

It is an extraordinary translation. Rypien had developed a habit, rather like a golfer's yips, of dropping the ball. He fumbled six times in 1988 and 14 times in 1989. After 14, he was dropped. He spent two seasons injured, came back and hurt his shoulder, and last season he missed six weeks with a knee injury.

Whether these problems were mental or physical, it seemed obvious that Rypien was one of life's back-up quarterbacks: a pretty iffy one at that. He is now 29; and playing like a dream. Where did the turnaround come from?

"My old high school coach said that pressure was an opportunity to prove your-self," Rypien said. "The abili-



ty to get in there and work harder has made me a better player?" You see? He just did not allow any negative thoughts. He always had be-

Yup, we are deep in the all-American phenomenon of retrospective motivation. It is an individual version of the truism that victors always

write the history-books.
Why is it that we never hear about all the people who always believed in themselves and then got stuffed out of sight? What about all those people who never had a negative thought in their lives, and still plummeted to defeat and public humiliation?

This new mythology of phoney sporting psychology gives athletes a useful wall to hide behind. Self-analysis is often the very last thing these people want. You do not want to frighten off your success.

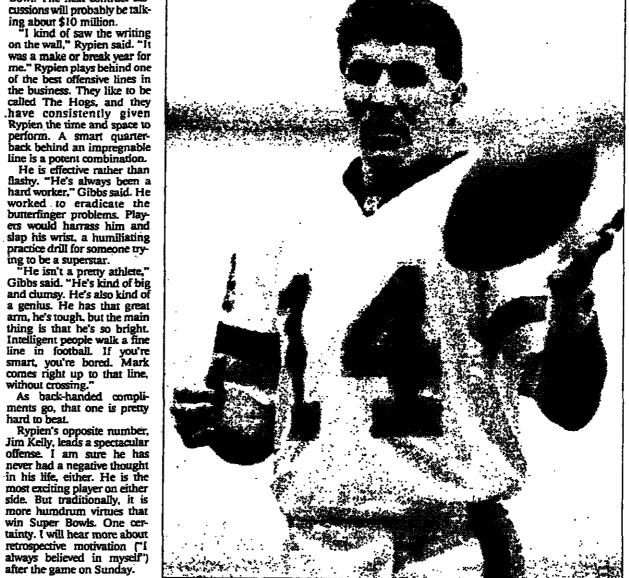
"It's like a focus on a lens," Mary Levy, the coach for the opposition, said, "It's as if the whole game has come into sharp focus for Mark Rypien this season."

It is not possible to trace the real reason. But the watershed decision is clear enough. Ask yourself this. If you were a professional also-ran, and you were offered a three-year contract worth \$2.4 million, what would you do?

Well, Rypien turned it down. "I was impressed by that," Joe Gibbs, the Redskins head coach, said. "He was saying I'm going to show you I can do this. And he

Rypien accepted a one-year contract of "only \$1.25 million, and no clauses about future employment. Inspired, perhaps by his own boldness in making this decision, he started the season with 11

Intelligent people walk a fine line in football. If you're smart, you're bored. Mark comes right up to that line, without crossing.'



Safe hands: Rypien, once a famous fumbler, is now the toast of Washington

EVENT: Super Bowl YXVI, the champenship game of the National Football League, Kick-off: Tomorrow, 11.18pm (GMT). The winning team takes permanent possession of s Vince Lombardt Trophy.

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Football Conference East division. In the play-offs they defeated the Kaseas City Chiefs 37-14 and the Denver Broncos 10-7 Washington (16 wins, two defeats) won the National Football Conference East division. In the play-offs they beat the Atlanta Falcons 24-7 and the Detroit Loops 41-10.

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COLOURS: Buffalo, designated the home learn, will wear royal blue jerseys. Washington will wear white

jetseys. PAY DAY: Each player in the winning side will receive \$36,000 (about £19,900), each player in the losing side will take home \$18,000 (£9,945). BETTING: American oddsmakers fa-your the Redskins by so, points. NEAT YEAR: Super Bowl XXVIII at the Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Celifornis,

SCHOOLS RUGBY

Victorians survive Irish test

By Michael Stevenson.

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THE Victorian Schools side ended the Irish leg of their tour with two wins and two defeats. They did well to beat Campbell College, Belfast, mated the strength of Coleraine Academical Institute. fielding a team with several key players absent and lost

They then went to Galway where they won 19-0 against Corimhian Colts and their last match was back in Dublin with a 16-6 loss to the Blackrock RFC under-19s.

Llandovery College have enjoyed yet another successful season, winning 11 of 12 matches and scoring 398 points to 112. The only match they lost was to Millfield (15-12), and since the Christmas break they beat Ysgol Dyffryn Taf (14-9) and Tregib School (26-6) with Mathew Codd, their talented flanker, scoring three tries. Their leading points scorer is Chris Atkinson, the stand-off half, with 128; their wing, Richard Carlick, scored 17

Ellesmere College won their final game when they defeated Liverpool College 26-8 to earn the enviable record of 12 wins from 14 matches, scoring 224 points

The Leys won 12 matches, losing three others in one hectic week. They were beaten by Felsted. Kent College in the Daily Mail Cup, and then by Bedford Modern. and must have felt considerable frustration with such a demanding workload. Mat-thew Coe, their stand-off half and captain, was the leading points scorer with 73: James Pinnington scored 11 tries.

Bishop's Stortford College won six matches, drew one and lost five. Their enterprising side registered good wins over Stamford (20-15), St Edmund's (28-8) and Ipswich but also gave a good account of themselves when defeated by Felsted (9-0) and St Joseph's, Ipswich (24-13). Bob Kisby, the first XV coach, also coaches the successful Hertfordshire side that won its five matches with a points tally of

105 scores to 21: England's search for a national side at 18-group level has fallen victim to the cold weather. Midlands were due to play North today and London were due to meet South West tomorrow at Castlecroft, the youth centre in Wolverhampton, but the games have been rearranged

Scotland have already played two matches at schools level, winning against France for the first time (10-6), but going down 24-15 to a bustling Welsh team at Neath with the Welsh scrum half, Jason Hewlen, showing class

Edberg to meet Courier in final of Australian Open

Top seeds restore order

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

DESPITE the diversions of John McEnroe and the intrusion of several new faces, the form book held good in the end. Stefan Edberg and Jim Courier will meet in the final of the Australian Open totwo seeds have justified their positions since Boris Becker beat Ivan Lendl to win the US Open title three years and nine grand siam tourna-

Edberg yesterday proved too experienced for the young South African, Wayne Ferreira, who lost heart once he had lost two points to take the first set, ? d Courier tion of being the urst player to reach the final of a grand slam tournament in the open era through a walkover. His opponent. Richard Krajicek.

had to withdraw with a sore right shoulder. While accepting his good fortune with grace, the American was not sure whether the plus of getting to his third grand slam final quite outweighed the minus of not competing for four days. "You'd like to be in a rhythm going into a final and this may deprive me of one match

Krajicek was a victim of his own success. Not expecting to go so far in the doubles - or in the singles, for that matter - the young Dutchman had already played 32 sets when thundered 22 aces past Michael Stich, the German Wimbledon champion, cried

The first sign of the prob-lem emerged on Thursday when he had to default in the second set of his doubles quarter-final, and yesterday, after practising for half an hour, he was advised to res for five days by a doctor.

As Pete Sampras pulled out before the tournament started, with the same complaint, and Stich and Guy Forget are suffering from tennis elbow, the wear and tear on the big servers is beginning to show already. And it is only January.

"I have only just stopped orowing and my body is not yet 100 per cent strong," Krajicek said. "I have played every day since Wednesday and that is too much." Not even his resident haptotherapist could ease the pain, which had shifted from

shoulder to heart by the middle of the morning. "It was the chance of a lifetime to play a grand slam semi-final," he said. "I don't know if it will ever happen again." Courier, for one, will not want any repeat of that September afternoon at Flushing

Meadow, when he played the part of chief stooge in a promore to find that rhythm," he duction inspired and directed by Edberg and won just six His one crumb of comfort was that no one could have done any better. Even the performance as "a dream", and he is not anticipating a sequel. "It would be unrealistic to think that I could play like that again," he said. The American will be thankful for that small mercy, at least.

Like a soldier sauntering gently through a minefield, Courier must be wondering when the whole thing will explode in his face. He has played no one higher than Thomas Muster, ranked 35, and has dropped only one set during a trouble-free fortmight, one more than he lost in reaching the US Open

Fate does not generally allow such liberties, but the final promises a classic confrontation between attacker and defender, and after two lacklustre semi-final days, the Australian Open deserves a memorable finale.

With Krajicek's withdrawal, it was left to Ferreira to uphold the honour of the younger generation. He did



Krajicek: ruled out

out ever threatening to ruffle Edberg's feathers or quieten the chirping of his many supporters.

By the middle of the third set, the blue-and-yellow painted hordes had resorted to the Swedish wave, a variation on the usual theme in that only natives were allowed to take part. Their man had long since wrapped up the match, to all intents and purposes, though the fact that Ferreira had two points to break service in successive games in the final set will hearten Courier's supporters somewhat.

The match turned on the two points the unseeded South African had to take the first set. A backhand into the net and a sweet backhand volley by Edberg averted the moments of crisis and, his confidence restored, the world No. 1 sailed through the tie-break and away into the distance. "Once I got on top of him, I didn't have too

much trouble," Edberg said.

Like Krajicek, though, Ferreira can be proud of what he has done this week, and he will know what to expect next time. Asked to name the winner, Ferreira plumped for Edberg. Why? "Because he's always there". There was no possible argument with that. possible argument with that.

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CYCLING

Young's chance falls away

By PETER BRYAN

CHRIS Young, the bronze medal winner in this year's national cyclo-cross championship, after losing his 1991 title to David Baker, misses his last chance tomorrow for a race before the world profes sional championship at Leeds next weekend.

He has been forced to rest after injuring his left ankle in a fall two weeks ago and has pulled out of a leading race at Wetzikon, Switzerland.

"I cannot take the risk of another fall so close to the world race" he said vesterday. "I can ride without too much trouble, but running, at the moment, is painful." Young should have joined the six-times champion, Steve Douce, in Switzerland.

The British open champion, David Baker, has decided to miss overseas competition this weekend and concentrates on trying to help York-shire retain the inter-area team championship tomorrow at Boston Manor, Hanwell. Eight area teams have entered, giving a field of 104 Baker will revel in the fast

conditions promised and, with a strong team in support, the result should be another victory for Yorkshire. Tim Gould, the silver medal winner to Baker in the recent "national", is out of the British world championship team. He has been advised not to ride for at least five

never spoken. He also wanted

him to be painted by Peter

Blake, an artist to whom

wrestling is as important as

Liverpool is to 25,000 at

Anfield. Masters of the Can-

vas claims to reveal the man

behind the mask, but this is

not quite so. Blake gets his

painting, but the subject is in

a mask. Yates gets his inter-

HOCKEY

Wimbledon seek third surprise

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

WIMBLEDON face a daunting task today in the fifth round of the Hockey Association Cup when they take on St Albans at Kings College. Raynes Park. They have, however, aiready beaten two second division teams from the Pizza Express National League, Canterbury and Gore Court, and are hoping

to bring about another surprise. St Albans have talent and experience, but Wimbledon have raised their game against superior opposition and the man most likely to inspire them is Culbir Bhaura, an Olympic gold medal winner in 1988. He has so far scored 15 goals for them this season, including

the match-winner in the I-0 victory over Gore Court in the fourth round. They are also indebted to their goalkeeper. Drake-Brockman, and their outside right, Carter. St Albans will miss Rowan Davis, who has broken a col-

larbone and will be out of action for six weeks. Having defeated Slough 3-1 last week in the league, though, they will face tomorrow's match at home against Southgate with renewed confidence.

Slough will have Nicklin back for the first time in

several weeks, after his Great Britain commitments, for the matches against Hounslow. the cup holders, today, and Neston, in the league

Hounslow, who are at full strength for both days, have what could be a testing league match at home to Cannock. But if Hounslow play as they did against El Cid in Barcelona early this month, no club in England can live with

Havant having already qualified for the cup quarterfinals, have a comparatively light weekend. In today's Hampshire Cup match against Salisbury, they will give both Williams and Avery workouts, to see if they are fit enough for iomorrow's home league match against Bournville. Williams has been troubled by a hamstring

East Grinstead are expected to survive today's cup match against Indian Gymkhana, and should take maximum points from their home league match against Trojans tomorrow. In the second division, Reading could be severely tested when they visit Barrord Tigers. The leaders, Isca, seem unlikely to be troubled at home by Warrington.

STUDENT SPORT

Haining withdraws to pursue senior goal

HAYLEY Haining's decision to withdraw this week from the British student crosscountry championships in Keele on February 1 has deprived the event of its outstanding runner. After a year in the doldrums because of a neck injury, the Glasgow University veterinary undergraduate has found the best form of her life and opted to concentrate on the trials for the United Kingdom senior team for the world champion-

Her withdrawal will make the women's race a closer contest. The holder, Lisa Hollick, from Loughborough University, will defend her title, with the main challenge expected from Haining's Glasgow colleague and fellow Great Britain international, Vicki McPherson, who was

runner-up last year. However, the event this year doubles up as a trial for the British team in the world student cross-country championships in Dijon at the end of March. The first three women across the line next Saturday will be selected automatically, leaving one

discretionary place. Haining has pledged herself to the world student

championships, in spite of their proximity to the senior race in Boston on March 21, but if any of the other leading contenders fail on Saturday. the selectors could be left with a duemma. Other runners capable of upsetting the form include Natalie Tait, of West London Institute, who ran for Britain in the World Student Games in Sheffield last sumnier, and Emma Coleman, of Cambridge, who won the University match at Wimbledon last month. The men's race is less of a

known quantity. Alistair O'Connor, the Staffordshire Polytechnic runner who won last year, and Andy Lyons, of Loughborough, who was third, are back again. Their challenge should come from Simon Baines, Oxford's victor in the University match, and, intriguingly, John Mayock, who took the 5,000 metres gold medal at the World Student Games. The first four finishers are guaranteed selection for Dijon, with two discretionary

choices completing the team. The event will be run over a relatively flat course at Keele University. This year's entry of 703 men and 316 women is a record.

Conway may also have answers on ice vision's mistress of the rink to never been seen and who has

BY KEN LAWRENCE

DID you see her on Question of Sport the other evening? Joanne Conway: blonde, pert and pretty, coolly responding to quizmaster David Coleman. Normally, of course, our ice-maiden from Geordieland poses the questions. "Will she, won't she?" we asked, wondering whether a suspect temperament will remain intact or whether her double axel and triple lutz. which have induced so many costly falls, can at last be performed with perfection when it matters.

She was only 14, six years ago, when first hailed as heiress to the British skating dynasty. Cousins had followed Curry; Torvill and Dean succeeded them both Conway was the next in line. Somehow it never quite worked out. Brirish titles were collected (six in seven years), but the ones that mattered — European, world and Olympic -

TODAY: Christopher Dean, who has changed Joanne Conway's approach to los skating, joins Alan Weeks in Grandstand to assess her performance in the European championships in Lausenne. The women's final of the Australian Open terminal of the Australian that has a two-hour round-up of the were not. Her potential was always FA Cup matches (Spri). The Road to Wembley on SBC1 is at 10.40pm. Eurosport is dominated by winter bubbling just below the surface. At Calgary in 1988 she fell, finished twelfth, and sports from 10am, including men's and women's skiling, bobsleigh and the figure skating in Switzerland. cried her eyes out on BBC television. A year later, her

SPORT ON TELEVISION THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Swede, who is not given to overstatement, described the

new coach, Robin Cousins (by now Carlo and Christa Fas had accepted that she had latent talent but that they were not going to reveal it), called her gutless as she again blew the European championship. Conway was in torment. Many may have quit. but she did not; she battled on and this afternoon will be on our screens again (Grand-stand, BBC1 12.15,

Eurosport 12.55) as she European championships in With the Winter Olympics

only two weeks distant, more questions will be asked of her, but Conway believes that this time she has the answers; that the tears are all behind her. Having forged a liaison with Christopher Dean,

whose choreography is in classic T and D style, she has worked hard at Slough and Sunderland and is ready for Switzerland and the sterner challenge at Albertville. "It is going great." she insists, which is better than thinking she is going nowhere. And so from British tele-

TOMORROW: The men's final of the tennis in Melbourne (Sky Sports, 8.30am), Chelsea against Everton in the FA Cup fourth round

Evenon in the FA Cup fourm round (BBC1, 3pm); Wasse and Harle-gulas in Rugby Special (BBC2, 5pm); the African Champions Cup final (live on Screensport, 4pm, Channel 4 at 8pm and Eurosport

10pm); and Super Bowl XXVI live on

its masters of the canvas . . . If skating has never been considered a pure sport by many. but accepted because of the successes of Curry, Cousins and Torvill and Dean, professional wrestling has suffered a far greater credibility gap.

It was always a TV filler between the football preview each Saturday and the football results with no Curry or Cousins or Torvill and Dean to redeem it. Yet BBC2, in its Arena programme on Friday (9.30pm) attempts to link sport and art with a masked wrestler as the catalyst.

Poet and producer Paul Yates set out to interview Kendo Nagasaki, whose face has

to the Winter Olympics, The Road

view, but the words are not heard, only seen as sub-titles. Does Nagasaki actually hypnotise his opponents? Is he really vicious and dangerous? Or is he just another actor-entertainer with an ancient gimmick? Arena does not tell you, though I have my

own suspicions. THE WEEKS HIGHLIGHTS

> to Albertville, reaches part four (8pm) Sky Sports hopes to have live football (7pm) to be followed by the Footballer's Football Show FRIDAY: A preview of the Winter Olympics, the grand slam pros-pects of England and France, who (9.30pm). WEDNESDAY: Arsenal's visit to Anfield is The Match (ITV, 7pm). A two-hour package of highlights from the fourth round of the FA Cup is on Sky Sports (8pm) preceded by a round-up of the America's Cup

action from San Diego (7pm). THURSDAY: England's cricketers start the second Test against New Zealand in Auckland: BBC2 (5pm)

pects of England and France, who both play tomorrow, and world snooker champion John Parrott's assessment of the Benson and Hedges Masters are all included in Sport on Friday (BBC2, 2.20pm) with highlights of the Test in Auckland, which will be given some more air-time on the same channel at 50m

shows their first day's progress. Aimgside (Sky Sports 8pm) has a new presenter: Gary Norman steps up from the production team.

Channel 4 (from 10.45pm).

MONDAY: Sky Sports has the FA
Cup tie between Southampton and
Manchester United live (7.30pm).

BBC1 shows highlights (11pm).

TUESDAY: Screensport's build-up

for February 22 and 23.

Six Pilkington Cup matches are frozen off

RFU must grapple with problems of fixture backlog

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

THE rigours of winter have hit the Pilkington Cup for the first time in the four years that the St Helens-based glass company has sponsored the competition. Of the eight fourth-round ties scheduled. only two were still standing overnight and both Bristol and Wasps will hold morning pitch inspections.

The quarter-final draw on Monday has also been postponed and the Rugby Football Union (RFU) must now determine how best to manoeuvre what has been. because of the World Cup, an

Already one round of firstdivision league matches has been postponed from December 14, and it is now possible that the cup dates will all be set back, so that today's games, for example, would be played on February 22. quarter-final day. It is a grim

1F, ONCE, the Schweppes

Welsh Cup competition gave

the village clubs the chance of

making a name for them-

selves and a victory against

one of the prima donna clubs

from the towns a special.

cock-snooking bonus, it is no

longer quite the same. The

cup retains its glamour, of

course, but with the Heine-

ken League firmly in position.

there are other challenges

and small clubs need not lan-

guish if they are knocked out

Tondu is a case in point.

Last season, under the man-

agership of one Williams, ini-

tialled JPR, they twice

succeeded in a giant-killing

act by disposing of Glamor-

gan Wanderers and Ebbw

Vale and carried on to the last

eight of the competition.

But, in a notably successful

season, they just failed in the

play-offs to reach the fourth

division of the Heineken

League. One wonders wheth-

er they wished it had been

otherwise. Which prize would

they really have preferred?

Such a question makes for a

more intriguing season.

Tenby United, at the top of

the third division, will travel

with some trepidation to

prematurely from the cup.

Tondu seek best

of both worlds

By GERALD DAVIES

warning to those in England and Wales who, in the one case would introduce home and away league fixtures to a 13-club league, and in the other seek to increase their national divisions, already played home and away, to 12

John Jeavons-Fellows, the chairman of the RFU compe-titions sub-committee, believes that the cup, as a knockout competition, must fixtures. That creates the possibility of cup games being played on February 8, the next league weekend, and thus of postponed league games being played in mid-week later in the season; unless affected clubs chose to compete with televised internationals.

Heineken League clubs will do that anyway on February 15, when Wales have no fix-

There will be pitch inspec-tions this morning at every one of the 16 fifth-round

games. Two of the clubs,

Pencoed and Mountain Ash,

who will play against the

Heineken League first divi-

sion clubs, Cardiff and Lla-

nelli, have already made

advanced preparations by

laying a plastic covering to

of the frost. Pencoed took the

offer of the sheeting from their opponents, Cardiff.

At the head of the Cynon

Valley, Mountain Ash, from

the third division, and un-beaten in their last six match-

es, can expect a full house of

some 7.000 spectators. This

game represents Llanelli's

99th in the competition and,

if they can boast a record

number of cup final successes

(seven), their opponents hold

the record for the number of

points. In 1975, they scored 114 against Builth Wells.

They have beaten Llanelli,

There are three matches

involving first and second di-

vision clubs – Maesteg v

Newbridge, Newport v Gla-

morgan Wanderers and

South Wales Police v Aber-

avon. But these distinctions

are becoming increasingly

less significant.

but that was in 1924.

championship is March 21 for which, as things stand. only two first division fixtures have been re-arranged. Of the two cup matches remaining, Bristol, who play Saracens, may have the great-

ture; England's blank week-

end in the five nations'

er cause for optimism since a local company has provided them with pitch covering. Saracens hustled them off the top of the first division when they met in the league in

Mark Tainton returns at stand-off half for Bristol ahead of Simon Painter, who has damaged ankle ligaments. Tainton played five first-XV games before the league began, but his form dropped away so badly that he virtually opted out of rugby in December, concentrating on training and improving the bits and pieces of his game; that he has succeeded has been indicated by his recent play for Bristol United.

Bristol expect to make a decision at 9am, but Wasps may wait until later in the morning before confirming their cup tie with Harlequins. the holders. No one among the Harlequins will need reminding that they lost to Wasps in the opening league fixture of the season and no one at Wasps needs remind-ing that their subsequent form was not all it might have

Harlequins have nearly all their luminaries available (the suspended Troy Coker is the obvious absentee). of whom Andy Mullins plays his hundredth game. David Pears, in seven games for the

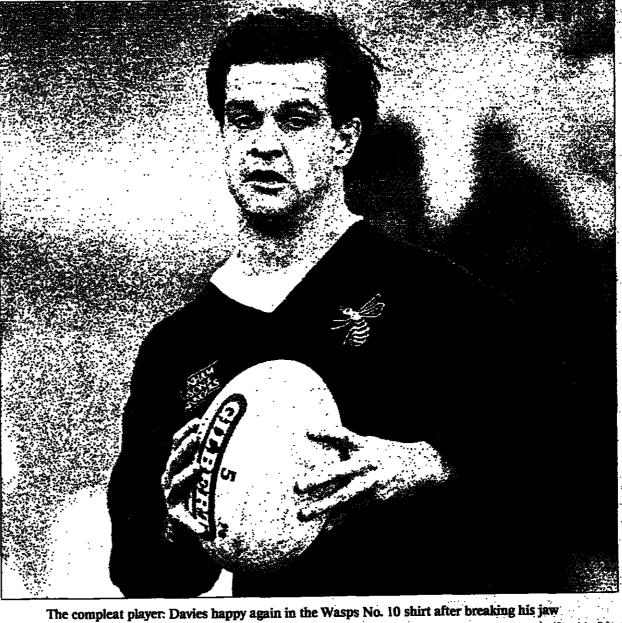
ctub, has scored 94 points.

However, Wasps can field a
decently-talented XV, with a
particularly forthright back
division which includes, on the right wing, Richard Stodart, the New Zealand under-21 trialist from

Some 12,000 people are

expected at Thomond Park, Limerick, to see if Shannon record in the first division of the All-Ireland League. They have dropped only one point to Lansdowne, and if they beat second-placed Garryowen they will go three points clear. Brian Rigney will play in Greystones's second row in the second division match with Dungannon to prove his fitness to play for Ireland in the B international

against England next Friday.



Davies still carrying a sting

THERE are sportsmen who achieve their just deserts, others whose rewards seem to far outweigh their merits. while yet a third group is formed by that forlorn band doomed to get so far but no farther. And there are some of whom you say, "What if ...?" So what if Huw Da-

vies had been born two or three years later and had been part of the group of England players who have performed with such distinction of late.

We will never know, of course, but today, weather permitting. Davies, 32 next month, will remind us of the skills which won 21 England caps when he resumes at stand-off half for Wasps in their attempt to bring down the Pilkington Cup holders. Harlequins England players present

rather than past. Davies might have been more caps, but for a series of injuries which extinguished his international career. It is not overstating the case to say that Davies had it all — the natural gifts allied to a capacity for hard work plus the maturity to handle the twin imposters. triumph and disaster.

DAVID HANDS on the Wasps and former Eng-land stand-off half hoping to turn back the clock against Harlequins today

He had his share of the latter: in playing terms de-feats against South Africa in 1984 by 33-15 and 35-9 (as a centre), against New Zealand in 1985 by 42-15 (as a full back), against Scotland in 1986 by 33-6 (again at full back). In personal terms, that 1986 season, his last as an international player, saw the start of his injury problems: first the shoulder, then hamstring. then shoulder again, fol-

lowed by the ankle. In retrospect, Davies paid the penalty for being too talented. His emergence as a stand-off in 1981 looked like the start of a long career but coincided with a gradual England decline. Rather than being left to blossom at stand-off, as Rob Andrew has been permitted to do, he was moved sideways to the centre for his defensive qualities and then to full back in New Zealand even though he was picked for that tour at stand-off.

Now the wheel has turned

shirt for Wasps, Andrew having moved to France, but even then Davies could not cast off ill fortune. Playing a league match against Leicester in November he cracked his jawbone_and did not start again until last weekend. That Wasps have lacked direction in the absence of both players is not

in dispute. Davies concedes some three years of intense frustration. "I couldn't string more than two or three games together and then I dislocated my shoulder and delayed having an opera-tion in the hope that one would not be required," he said. "Since spring 1990, I have stayed relatively clear

of injury."
By then, however, Andrew was captain of the club and Wasps had acquired services of two talented full backs, Steve Pilgrim and Alan Buzza, "I had got a bit slower and I wanted to ease my way back anyway." Davies said. "Last season, I just looked for enough firstteam games to keep me happy, and this season, I knew there would be plenty of opportunity because of the World Cup."

a footballer of Davies's allconsistent management policy laid down by Geoff Cooke and Roger Uttley, al-though Davies laughs off what-might-have-been by suggesting that the level of commitment required now is far greater than when he appeared for England.

But he was always a com-petitor, in training and in the playing arena. "Like all things, once you get the taste you want it again, and if that requires extra effort, weight training, special diet, you will probably do it," he said. "It's a more physical game at stand-off-now, you tackle more and you tackle bigger men. Look at all the work Rob and Will Carling had to do against

So Davies will play against the Harlequins, Carling, Halliday et al. He says: "I thought this might be my last season, but we'll see how it pans out next summer if I think I can still play to a certain standard, still contribute, I'll carry on. But it would be frustrating not to be able to do the things I could once."

Bracken heads **Students** influx

ENGLISH Universities, who beat Scottish Universities 15-7 last weekend, have rung the changes for their meeting next Friday with the Irish Universities at London Welsh. There is no clash with the England Students, as there was in Edinburgh, so the universities selectors have enjoyed a free hand.

Kieran Bracken comes in at scrum half, while Chris Dossett, at full back, is one of four Loughborough players in the side, captained by Mike Hayton. Gareth Ad-ams, the England under-21 captain and a member of England's development squad, also finds a place, alongside Craig Barrow, the Exeter University and Bristol

☐ Sean Lineen, the injured Scotland centre, said yesterday that his chances of being fit to play against Ireland in Dublin on February 15 were only 50-50"

Lineen, who cracked a rib in the Calcutta Cup defeat by England at Murraylield last weekend had no chance of olaying in the Boroughmuir side to face Hawick today in the McEwan's Scottish first

He said: "I went training with Boroughmuir on Thursjogging at half-pace — and my ribs were still very sore and tender. There is nothing I can do to treat the injury -just take it easy and avoid any

[] This is the last week of the exhibition of rugby art staged at the Rugby Club in Hallam Street, London, Though he began with a series of paintings of a club match between Llanelli and Swansea, Gareth Lloyd Bail, from Farnham in Surrey, found further inspiration in the World Cup.

Ball, who turned out on the wing at art college, said: "To me rugby is fascinating because of the abstraction of rucks. If has a balletic quality, although the players themselves may not realise it." Stiding University leave on Monday to play three matches in The Netherlands,

including, next Thursday, one against the Dutch Stu-dents in The Hague. The Dutch have entered the student world cup in Italy in July, but must beat Germany to oualify.

BNGLISH URIVERSITIES (v Irish Universities): C.Doseett (Loughborough); J Riudeon (Exister), D. Edwards (Loughborough), P. Bingham (Loughborough), C Thompson (Bhetheid); A. Kerr (Birmisgheim), K. Bracker (Bristo); C. Agnew (Existo), M. Hayton (Uverpool: captain), D. Lookyer (Loughborough), R. Jardhe-Brown (Bristo), A. Kloss (City), G. Alliman (Ball), G. Adems (Bath), C. Barrow (Dester), A. Lynch (Barrey), M. Hollowsky (Neucasite), A. Reid (Loughborough), N. Pilchardeon (Loughborough), N. Pilchardeon (Loughborough), A. Meadows, (Neucasite).

FOOTBALL

FA Cup Third round replay Derby County v Bumley

3.00 unless stated

Hartlepool v Stockport Shrewsbury v Huddersfield West Bromwich v Swansea...

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Sognor Regis v Stanses; Bromley v
Wolung, Carshalton v Grays; Chesham v
Basingstoke; Enfield v Aylesbury; Hayes
v St Albans; Herdon v Sutton United,
Krigstonsen v Bishop's Surritord;
Wokingham v Windsor and Eton First
division: Barldong v Harlow; Chaffont St
Peter v Yeading, Dulwich v Dorking;
Heybridge Swifts v Wembley; LeytonWingate v Hitchin; Meidenhead v Croydon; Moleesy v Tooting and Mitcham;
Steverage v Aveley; Unbridge v
Abingdon, Whyteleafe v Walton and
Hersham Second division; Barstead v
Hernel Hempstead, Berkhamsted v
Leatherhead; Harsfield v Southwick,
Lewes v Purfleet; Malden Vale v Egham;
Newbury v Barton, Reinham v Ruissip
Manor, Southall v Saffron Wasten; Ware v
Billencay, Witham v Hungerford, Worthing v Metropolitan Police Third division: Camberley v Hampton, Collier
Row v Chertsey; Epsom and Ewell v
Royston, Feltham and Hounalow v
Clapton, Flackwell Heath v Bracknel;
Herrford v Eastbourne; Horsham v
Edgware.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor City v Matlock; Bishop
Auckland v Burton, Chorley v Gelinsborough; Droylsden v Morsacambe; Fleetwood v Leek, Goole v Accarrigton;
Horvich v Mossley; Hyde v Frickley;

borought, Drovisden v Moracambe, Fleet-wood v Leek, Goole v Accnington, Horwich v Mossiley, Hyde v Frickley; Manne v Gainsborough; Shepshed v Southport, Postponed: Whitley Bay v Stalybridge, First division: Bridsington Town v Casmarton, Celevin Bay v Netherfield: Curzon Ashlon v Congleton; Eastwood Town v Warrington; Lancaster v Guiseley, Newtown v Harrogate, Hossendere v Rhyt: Winstord v Attraton; Workington v Farsley Celtic, Worksop v Ingm. BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier

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wymioedon (2.00). SMIRNOFF (RISH LEAGUE: Ballymona y Portadown, Bengor y Ballyciare, Carrick y Linfield, Citionville y Omagh, Distillery y Ards: Glenavon y Lame, Glenforan y Crusaders, Nowry y Coleraine SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Notraborough v táit Hill Village, St Mary s College v Parkfield St Mary 2 College v Parkfield
NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division:
Billingham Synthona v Murton, Blyth
Spartans v Statham Red Star; Enuroon
Easangton Collierly: Corneati v Whittey;
Ferrynd Attrette v Newcaste Blue Star;
Gretna v South Bank, Langley Park
Wetlare v Peterlee Newtown, Northallerton v West Auchland. Shiddon v Tow Law:
Whicknem v Gusborough

vision: Richmond I v Wasps, Waterloo v Blackheath, Saracens v Cittor: Second division: Richmond II v Bedford Sale v SILK GUT CHALLENGE CUP: First round (3.00 unless stated): Barrow v Keighley (2.30). Settery v Feetherstone (1.00). Leeds v Ryedele York, Doncaster v Suntiles JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brightingsea v Brantham Cornerd v Wrovham, Gorleston v Cleation, Harwich and Parkeston v Cretteris; Haverins v Lowestoft, Histon v Foliatowe, March v Halstead, Newmarket v Wethoch; Theil lord v Great Yammarket v Webboth; Theil lord v Great Yammarket v

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Chard v Bideford, Chippenham v Tiverton; Clavedon v Welton, Elmore v Mangotsfeld: Exmouth v Tauston; Frome v Dawlish; Liskeard v Minehead; Paulton v mangorsiero: Exmousi y Taustor; Frome y Dawlish: Liskeerd y Minehead: Paullon y Seitesh: Torrington y Plymouth Argyle; Ottery St Mary y Bristol Manor Farm. Ottery St Mary v Bristol Manor Farm.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES

LEAGUE First division: Ashon v Great
Harwood, Bleckpool Rovers v Maine Road
(Mant). Bootie v Esstwood Harrley,
Nantwich v Atherion LR: Pennih v
Vauuhell GM: Prescot v Firton;
Skehrer soale v Bridford Park Avenue, St
Helens v Citiverne

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National
division: Alan Ludo v Ebbw Vale;
Bridgend v Aberystwyn, Cathoot v
Brecon, Ferndale v Briton Ferry; hier
Cardiff v Maesley; Llanelli v Cwritbran,
Pembrobe v Abergavenny, Ton Pentre v
Haverfordwest.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Carshalton v West Wickham. Norsentan

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Winchsnore Hill, Cid Esthameans v Old
Actomens; Alexandra Park v Old Salesans, Broomfield v Polytechnic, Crouch
End Vamphres v Southquate Olympic, Ibis v
Loyds Bank: South Bank Poly v East
Barnel OG, Alleyn Old Boys v Kew
Association, Bank of England v Old
Westminiter Cdicens; Old Letymerians v
Merton, Old Lymanns v Cusco; Rergate
Priory v Lensbury
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST
LEAGUE: Premier division: Betper v
Spennymour, Eccleshili v Winterion
Ranges; Glasshoughton v Osest Alborn,
Liversedige v Harrogate RA, Maltby My v
Sutton I own: North Shelds v North
Fernby; Oasett Town v Denaby, Shelffeld
v Amithorpe Weitare; Trackley v
Pontefract OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Alovsians v Latymer Old Boys; Old

Charlton v Sheff Utd (3.00)...

Tennents Scottish Cup

Chelsea v Everton (3 05)... Notim Forest v Hereford (3 00)...

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division (2.30) Abritone v Shelbourne, Bahemans v Derry: Cork City v Galway Droghede v Bray Wander-ers: Shermock v Dundalk, Stigo v St Palnck's Athletic

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-

RUGBY UNION

WRFU NATIONAL LEAGUE: First di-

RUGBY LEAGUE

Swinton; Halifax v Hull KR, Highlield v Landon Crusaders; Kells v Hullslet (an Whitehaven, 200); Hochdale v Hulls Scerborough Prates v Bradford (230); Trafford v Castislord (330); Widnes v St Malens Westpotters v Widnesfeld

FA Cup Fourth round

Third round

Safe v Orreli P Wasps v Harlequins P Courage Clubs Championship Rugby v Nottingham Third division Nuneaton v Offey Fourth division north Watsall v Stourbridge...... P Fourth division south L Weish v Weston-s-Mare (2.30) Southend v Sudbury (2 30)

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Bristol v Saracens (3.00)
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Manchester v Newcastle G. ... P
Norrhampton v Sarth. ... P
Bossiyn Park v Thurrock ... P

Islaworthaans v Chertsey Old Selesians, Old Ignatians v Old Meadornans; Old Denses v Enfect Old Boys, Old Tenisonnans v Glyn Old Boys, Old Tenisonnans v Glyn Old Boys, ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Arthur Dunn Cup: Second round: Old Artinians v Old Aldenhamans, Old Foresters v Lancing Old Boys. Premier division: Old Brentwoods v Old Meterplanians; Old Carthusians old Carthusians v Old Meterplanians; Old Carthusians old Carthusians v Old Meterplanians v Old Wytenhamists; Old Westmensters v Old Breathedians First division Currie v Gala
Edinburgh Ac v Sellerk
Glasgow High v Stewarts Mel
Heriot's FP v Melrose
Watsonians v Jed-Forest
Watsonians v Sellery

West of Scotland v Stirling Co Ayr v Peebles.... Edinburgh Wndrs v Kelso ... Kilmernock v Glasgow Ac Kirkcaldy v Dunfermline ... **RUGBY UNION**

Musselburgh v Dundee HSFP Preston Lodge v Corstorphine Royal High v Wigtownshire Insurance Corporation All Ireland League

Instonians v Young Munster....... Lansdowne v St Mary's Coll..... Old Wesley v Ballymena.... Shannon v Garryowen

Second division Blackrock Coll v CIYMS Greystones v Dungannon Maione v Dolphin Sundays Well v Wanderers

Club matches

TOMORROW

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUEFirst division: Bromley v Lons
(Edembridge SC. 130). East Grinstead v
Trojans (Sam) Hill, Z15). Havant v
Bournville (Havant College, 215). Hourslow v Cannock (Fetham School, 200).
Old Loughtentans v Welton (Chigwell.
130): Stough v Nestron (Wextimer School
200): St Albans v Southgate (Charence
Park, 200). Stourbort v Indian Gymkhana.
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(Teddington School Charles v Reading
(Hoffshead FC Handsworth 100):
Bournemouth v Formby (Bournemouth
FC. 130): Chelmsford v Waksheld
(Chelmer Park, 230). Doncaster v Canterbury (Dubbell Park, Sunthorpe, 200).
Gorecourt v Brean (Anchorians Park FC.
Gillington, 230): Guiddford v Cambridge
Cty (Charternouse School, Godellung,
1200). Harborne v Cheltenham
(Birmingham University 230): Sca v.
Warmington (Ereter School, 200). Riichmond v Surbiton (Teddington School,
1200).
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WOMEN: English Indoor championship:
Midland clubs. West clubs (Yare) County
matches: Derthyshire v Cheshire
(highfields), Lancashira v Stationdhire
(Liverpool): Notinghamshire v Humber-side, Stropshire v Newtown (Bridgnorth)
Glub matches: Bournemouth v
Southampion, East Gloucester v Penarth,
Lincoln v Loughbarough: Rotherwick v
Cimson Ramblers. BASKETBALL

NATIONAL MEN'S TROPHY: Quarter

Maddlesbrough v Bury (4 00)
CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE:
Men: Third division: Crystal Pelsoe

Semors v Calderdale (2.00), Sedgefield v Chiltern (4.00): Stevenage v Checkine (3.30). Women: First division (3.30). Nottingham v Homel Hempsteed; Therees Valley v Ipswich. Second division (4.00): Mitton Keynes v Camberley; South Tyneside v Sunderland. HOCKEY 122A EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: ICE HOCKEY

MEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Blangham Bombers v Ayr
Raiders; Durham Waspa v Bracknell
Bees, Marrayfield Recens v Whitley
Warners. Nerwich and Petarborough
Prates v Humberied Selhawks; Frist
rivision: Blackburn Blackhawks v Lise
Valley Liens, Remford Raiders v Stough
Jets, Swindon Wildcats v Frie Flyers;
Telford Tigers v Milton Keynes Kings;
Trafford Metros v Besingstoke Besvers. BADMINTON COLORING LOPE

ROYAL BANK INTER-COUNTY

CHAMPIONSHIPS: First division north:
Lothian v Worcestershirs; Yorkshire v
Lancashire. Second division north: NotInghamshire v Derbyshire; Yorkshire il v
Lancashire. Second division south:
Hamponire v Buckinghamshire; Sussex v

Gloucestershire.

CRICKET NATIONAL INDOOR LEAGUE: Lancing v ipswich: Rochdale v Sheffield; Solihuli v Walsalt; Stumps v Peterborough; Totten-ham v Rochester, Wellinghoversch

OTHER SPORT CYCLO-CROSS: Inter-area team chemponships (Boston Manor, Hanvell, 150), Loughborough Phoenix (Rocettle Manor, 115); Duraley RC (Stroud Leisure Centra, 130). Newport Process (St. Julians Woods, 1730)

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES Coventry v Loughboro Univ... Durham City v Broughton Pk. Fylde v Moseley.,..... Kendal v Shetfield.... London Irish v Richmond....... Penarth v Tredegar (2.30)....... South Wales Police v Lydney...

Vale of Lune v Northern ... SCHWEPPES WELSH CUP: Fifth round: Abertillery v Blaina; Bndgend v Blackwood; Dunvant v Gowerton; Maesteg v Newbridge; Mountian Ash v Llanelli; Neath v Mountian Ash v Llanell; Neath v Fleur de Lys: Newport v Giamorgan Wanderers; Oakdale v Swansea; Pencoed v Cardiff; Pontypool V Pontarddusias; Pontypridd v Pontarddusias; Pontypridd v Pontarddusias; Pontypridd v Pontypool Utd; Pyle v Cardiff; HS Old Boys; Rumney v Cross Keys; SW Police v Aberavon; Talywain v Merthyr; Tondu v Tenby Utd. HEINEKEN WEI SH LEAGUE. HEINEKEN WELSH LEAGUE: Fourth division: Cifynydd v Tumble

MCEWANS SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Third division: Clarkston v Howe of File; Biggar v Hillhead-Jordanhilf; Trinity Academicals v Highland; Trinty Academicals v Highland; Haddington v Gordonians; Dumines v Langholm; Portobello FP v Grangemouth; Hutchesons-Old Aloysans v Perthehire. Fourth division; Dalziel HSFP v East Killbride; Madras College FP v St Boswells; Edinburgh University v Lismore; Morgan Academy FP v Allos; Leith Academicals v Cambustang; Cartha Queen's Park v Aberdeen GSFP; Linfithgow v Penicuik. PROVINCIAL INSURANCE CUP: Sixth round: North: Ashbourne v Rockelift; Birmingham City Officials Rockcliff; Birmingham City Officials v Manor Park. Postponed: Bradford Selem v Moresby Park; Edwardian Attrincham Kersal, South: 'Deal Wanderers v Old Richians; Loughton v Ongar. Postponed: Fakenham v Bracknelt; Stow-on-the-Wold v Bicester.

RUGBY LEAGUE RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Devembury v Leigh (2-30); Leade v Ryedale-York (2,15). Postponed: Whiteheven v Sneffield; Saltord v Wigan. BARLA: First division: Barrow leiend v Woolston; Dudley Hill v Asiam; Heworth v Saddieworth. Leigh MW v Egremont; Millon v Leigh, East; SI Patrick's v Maylield. Second division: Beverley v Shaw Crost; Devembury-Cettic v Lock, Lane; East Leade v Mickingreen; West Hull v Receitland AR; Outlon v Walney Central; Redail v Millord HOCKEY

OCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: Fifth HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: Fith round: Hounslow v Slough (Feithern School, 130); Indian Gymfehana v East Grinstead (Feithern School, 145); Southgate v Fichmand (Broomfeed School, 1.15); Stourport v Old Loughtoniens (King Charles School, Kidderminster, 130); Taddington v Surbston (Teddington School, 100); Wimbledon v St Affans-Kings College School, Raynes Park, 1145). PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Seckenham v Oxford University: Dutwich v Mid-Surrey: Maidenhead v Purlsy: Weytaridge Hawks v Spericer: Wimbledon

Bordenians v Turbridge Wells; Old Tauntonians v Eastcote; Woking v Win-chester; Worthing v Stanes: Regionals; Harmpehire and Burney: Baeingstoke v NetWest Bank; City of Portamouts v Metropolitan Police; Piest v Burnes; Hambia Old Bovs v Southampton Univer-NerWest Bank; City of Portsmorth v. Metropolitan Police; Fleet v. Burnes; Ambie Old Boys v Southampton University. Merton v. Cid. Edwardings; Cid. Welcountens v. Executive V. Oxted: Pirelit v. Goen; Welton v. Cid. Whitpithians. Kern's and Sussex: Eastbourge v. Lewes, Lord Becombinans v. Burnes Poly; Horsham v. Crowborough; Lloyda Benk v. Graveseset; Cid. Becombinans v. Mid-Sussex; Prochester and Gillingham v. Bitc. Sevenosias v. Old Williamsonians v. Mid-Sussex; Prochester and Gillingham v. Bitc. Sevenosias v. Old Williamsonians; Tonbridge v. Middend Bank. Middlesex. Berkshire. Aylesbury v. Southgate Add; Bracknell v. Sunbury, Herrow v. Hendon; Hayse v. Gernards Cross; Marlow v. Amerikans; Old Merchant Taylors v. City of Oxford; Rengitaris v. Mid. Hill; Witney v. Windon; Workingham v. NPL.

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LEAGUE Premier division: Bicowich v
Beestor: Coventry and North Warwickshirs v Beiper: Edghaston v Otton and
West Warwick: Kness v Bridghorth;
Leicester Westleigh v Nortingham.
NORTHEIN PREMIER LEAGUE: Ben
Rhydding v Dieley, Bowdon v York;
Durham University situations Highlow
Northern v Alderley Edge; Liverpool
Setton v Tarperley; Norton v Swebvell;
Preston v Brookerade; Sheffield v
Rengarias.

Preston v Providencia; Nertical v Steelbeel; Preston v Brookenda; Sheffield v Rangarhia; TYPHOO WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: PP Sutton Coldileid v Ipswich; Cition v Sherwood: Doncaster v Siough; Yete and Soeth Gloucester v Siough; Yete and Soeth Gloucester v Siough; Vete and Soeth Gloucester v Siough; Pridwood; Pritismouth v Liverpool; Harfeston Megpies v Emouth, Breakness v Bergtond.

WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL LEAGUES: East: Banksyheeth v Redbridge; Cartisters v Bergtond.

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Wowers v Bergtond v Redbridge; Cartister City v Copdock, North: Sunderland Sedame v Walesfield; Carissle v J. Case; Great Harvood v Chester Co., Nevecasila v Poynton; Ormaldik Ford v Crosby; Springfields v Worksop. South: Eastrote v Trojane; Southempton v Wirichester; Whothmore Hill v Sumbury. Woking v Reading; Worthing v Chream.

WOMEN'S ENGLISH INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: North schools (Whitschurch).

BASKETBALL MATIONAL MEN'S CUP: Querter-finals (7.20): Bury v Leicester Tigere; Derby v Kingston; Doncester v Themes. Valley; Working v Birmingham (8.00). Kational Trophy: Querter-final: Plymouth v Were (7.30).

CAPLESERG. MATIONAL LENGUE: Ment First division: Chestina v Sundersord (8.00). Third division: Exactance raicons v Mid Sessee (5.00); Sheffield v Grittem (7.30).

ICE HOCKEY HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pra-mier division: Bruchnet Beas v Norwich and Paterborooga Pirama; Certiff Davis v Ayr. Raidors: Natingham: Parthers v Humberside. Senhawes. First division: Pile Flyers v Lee Valley Lons, Milton Keynes Kings v Rombord Raidors; Swin-don Wildcats: v Slough Jets; Telfod Tigers v Beampstock Sepwers.

LACROSSE NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE Stock-port v Mellor, Helston Mersey v Steffield University, Temperley v Sele; Old Weconisms v Cheadle; Sheffield Steelers

MANCHESTER UNITY LIBERTY TRO-PHY: Cuerter-finals: Devon v Essex (als. 10.30): Durham v Hempshire (Gedling, 2.00); Dorset v Kent (Atherley: 1.30);

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King's Curate to star for Mellor

STAN Mellor and Mark lythis month. Perrett have a fine chance of landing a double at Ayr this afternoon with King's Curate (1.30) and Rubika (2.30).

King's Curate was to have taken on Milinnehoma. Mutare and Danny Harold at Chepstow last Tuesday, but . he was withdrawn by his Foxhill trainer after he had. walked the course and found it unsatisfactory.

As a result, the winner of last season's Stayers' Hurdle at the Cheltenham festival now has his sights set on the more valuable West of Scotland Pattern Novices Chase

Previously King's Curate had opened his campaign in style by forcing the champion hurdler Morley Street to pull out all the stops at Ascot at level weights.

Jodann and Mossy Fern

also stand their ground today and, like King's Curate, they are unbeaten over fences. At the end of last season, Jodami was rated 30lb below

King's Curate over hurdles

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

where Mossy Fern has been triumphant over fences. She was particularly impressive on the last-named track a formight ago, when she jumped like a buck to beat Strong Approach by 15

lengths.
The fact still remains though that Mossy Fern was not a patch on King's Curate over hurdles and I firmly believe that my selection is capable of putting himself on course for a crack at the Sun

ham in March by winning again today.

By winning over four miles at Cheltenham on New Year's day, his stable companion Rubika proved beyond doubt that he has the requisite stamina for today's Hamilton Campbell Challenge Cup.

While Trublion, the third member of the Mellor-Perrett raiding party, should go well in the Sorn Novices' Handicap Chase, I much prefer the top weight Abbot Of Furness. even though he fell at the second last on his latest visit to Ayr. At the time he was clear of his rivals with the prize seemingly at his mercy. Before that Abbot Of Fur-

1991: CAMIONNAGE 10-10-0 A Orkney (No SP returned) A Crow 2 min

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1991: PRECIQUS BOY 5-12-0 L Wyer (9-4) M O'Neil 8 ran FORM FOCUS

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1991: VANROY 7-10-0 J Williams (3-1 tev) J Jenkins 8 ran

BETTING: 5-2 Et Volador, 5-1 Qualitair Phythm. 11-2 Sarum, 8-1 Model Nurse, 10-1 Litmore Dancer, 12-1 Mar-zocco, 14-1 Knells Girl, 16-1 others. 1991: MEADS BROW 5-7-10 S Dawson (20-1) R Voorspuy 11 ran

RETTING: 7-4 Well Bought, 9-4 Calcutte Queen, 4-1 French Revolution, 8-1 Michyanzle, Ross Willy, 15-1 Reach Me Not.

1991: LADY PHILIPPA 5-9 Dean McKeown (4-6 tev) B Hills 7 nm

3 CALCUITA QUEEN 8 (R Tildoo) Mrs J Cool 8-9 8 Crossley 95
5- FRENCH REVOLUTION 52 (E) (A Persona) P Kellevety 9-9 W Newmas MIDYANZIE (Mrs C Lewis) C Holmes 8-9 W Ryan - 0-8 REACH ME NOT 21 (Mrs C Lewis) C Holmes 8-9 R Fox 9
JA250-3 ROSA WHY 22 (BP) (J Sung) W Jarvis 8-9 Emma O'Gorman (5) 9-9
WELL BOUGHT (Mrs A Wils) N Grahem 8-9 J Quinn -

3.20 TOWER MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: 52,069: 1m) (6 runners)

3.50 CHELSEA HANDICAP (£2,206: 5f) (10 runners)

2.20 VAUXHALL HANDICAP (\$2,577: 71) (7 runners)

BETTING: 7-2 Mac's Fighter, 4-1 Respectable Jones, 9-2 Super Heights, 5-1 Per 8-1 Vuchterbacher, 16-1 Second Adventure

2.50 ALBERT HANDICAP (£2,343: 1m) (12 runners)

ing display of fast and accurate jumping from the front when he won first time out at Wetherby. A repetition will see him hard to catch now, and he is my nap.

Twelve months ago the programme started with George Moore and Mark Dwyer combining to win the Har-cros Scottish Juvenile Novices Hurdle (qualifier) with All Welcome.

Now they seem to have the answer again this time with Good Profile, who has won all his three races over hurdles since being purchased for 60,000 guineas out of Steve Norton's stable.

lest. Previously best Jack Of Clubs head in 6-numer Keise (3m 4f, good) hundicap chase with CARCU-SEL ROCKET (10th worse off 2013 and BARKIN pulled up 13th. CARCUSEL ROCKET (12th of 11 to Boreen Owen in Carlele (3m, soft) handicap chase with RADICAL LADY (8th better off) 20% 5th and BARKIN (8th better off) 101 7th. Selection: RADICAL LADY (nap)

ner Sedgefield (2m. good) heridicap hurdle on pen-ultimate start with CAXTON unsetting rider 4th. CROSSHOT beat Mosele Gold St in 19-runner Kelso (2m. gott) novice hurdle. CAXTON 51 4th of 7 to Watte Up in Catterick (2m. good) handicap hurdle with WINDWARD ARIOM (2b worse off) 51 5th. PANICO beat Green's Seago head in 9-runner Southwell (2m. AW) novice furcile. Selection: CAXTON

chase latest. Earlier best Houghton 1/21 in 7-ramer Wethertry (2m, good to soft) novice chase. TRU-BILON 2017th of 8 to Podeo Star in Wethertry (2m, good to soft) handlesp hurdle. POSITIVE ACTION 18 3nd of 6 to Gospel Rock in Newcastle (2m, good to firm) novice chase. KILMOND WOOD 81 2nd of 10 to Curbisdale in Sedgefield (2m 4f, good) novice chase.

with SOUTHEND FLUTTER similar distance 10th, BOWLAND CONNECTION tailed off 13th and POWERACCHIO 14th.
YAKGLY FINE distant 8th of 17 to Scottish Mountain in Keleo (2m, ectl) National Hurl Fist race on former start. JOE'S BLACKJACK half-brother by Mansingh to winning hurdler Sedgewell Orchid. TOPSAWYER brother by Kris to Im 6ft wanter Knileboard.
Selection: NIGHT OF MADNESS

Counting the cost of camera patrol service ness had given an exhilarat-

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

THE cost of detecting "non-triers" and careless riding is likely to cost racing an extra £2.5 million next year.

The latest blow to the sport's perilous finances became apparent yesterday after the Jockey Club reluc-tantly announced the need for extra racecourse cameras to help monitor races.

Portman Square's decision is an inevitable but costly consquence of Satellite Information Services (SIS) deciding not to renew its contract with Racecourse Technical Services for providing pic-tures to betting shops from

RTS, a subsidiary of the Levy Board, is primarily employed to provide "integrity services," including coverage of races which enable stew-ards to detect if the rules of racing have been flouted. The cost last year for the

RTS camera patrol work was £2.1 million, £1.7 million of which was recovered from SIS who paid for the tele-vision feed to betting shops. SIS awarded a £10 million

contract for racecourse coverage to Chrysalis last November and so will no longer being paying RTS.

Chrysalis offered to provide racing authorities with a free feed of its pictures for integrity purposes, but the Jockey Club has concluded they will not be suitable. Chrysalis cameras will be

installed in different positions to those of RTS on some courses and will be aimed at providing pictures suitable for punters, rather than for stewards enforcing the rules. In many cases Chrysalis will not have head-on or tail cameras, which often provide officials with crucial evidence.

Tony Goodhew, the Jockey Club's director of field services, said yesterday: "We have had discussions with SIS together with Chrysalis and what has become quite clear is that the Jockey Club and SIS have got two very different requirements. That was going to be obvious from the start when RTS lost the

"SIS want a picture for the television viewer and punter so he can identify the position of his horse in relation to the race. The director will direct his cameras accordingly."

He added: "We have found in general our respective requirements appear to be incompatable. There is quite a difference between what is required for integrity as opposed to entertainment. We will need separate integrity

cameras on most occasions. The cost of providing addiconsiderable whoever is awarded the work. Given the loss of £1.7 million from SIS. the additional bill for racing next year is bound to top £2.5

While RTS is bound to be keen to do the work, it would make economic sense if the Jockey Club or the Levy Board can negotiate a deal with Chrysalis for installing the extra cameras needed for integrity pictures.

Tristram Ricketts, chief executive of the Levy Board, was waiting last night to hear the full extent of the Jockey Club's requirements before estimat-

ing the cost implications.
"We have always said this is a matter for the Jockey Club to decide. It is the guardian of integrity services and it will

lay down the standard.
"We will need to know its reasons because of the cost implications and the board will have to take a view as to whether it is satisfied with those reasons."

The latest financial setback came 24 hours after it was disclosed betting turnover in December fell by a massive 17.5 per cent compared to

the previous month. The slump reduces the year reaching £35.5 million. an estimate based on zero

tional cameras is likely to be growth. Hartington's BHB plan to come under scrutiny

By RICHARD EVANS

LORD Hartington, the senior steward of the Jockey Club, faces a double challenge to his plans for a British Horseracing Board (BHB) when they are discussed by a racing working party next month

The Jockey Club announ-

ced yesterday that seven representatives drawn from the Horseracing Advisory Council, Racecourse Association, Racehorse Owners' Association and Portman Square will meet for the first time on February 3 to discuss the power-sharing blueprint. Portman Square had initially proposed an "implementation group" to carry out the proposals contained in Lord Hartington's Gimcrack speech. The suggestion

was resisted by industry representatives who are anxious

Hartington: ready to

address challenge

to see substantial changes to the existing BHB plan. Lord Hartington is expect-ed to be challenged on at

least two key points, including the suggestion that he should chair the BHB for up to three years.

The senior steward will be urged to be chairman for the short time it takes to set up the new body, before stepping down and allowing the board to elect the chairman of its choice. More significantly, there is growing opposition to what is perceived to be the BHB's lack of accountability and the absence of representatives from trainers and breeders organisations. The Horseracing Advisory Council (HAC), which con-

The working party will be chaired jointly by Lord Hartington and Sir Nevil Macready, chairman of the

Bookmakers grudgingly offer Sunday support

Sunday racing on Saturdays and take bets, provided they are placed within the law

(Richard Evans writes). The support offered for the Jockey Club's Sunday racing plan was grudging rather than enthusiastic when betting industry representatives met racing officials at

Portman Square this week. With the notable exception of Coral, the big bookmakers are far from enthusiastic about attempts to stage Sunday racing without a change in the betting legislation.

THE big bookmakers have believe Sunday racing should agreed to advertise prices for only take place when betting only take place when betting laws have been changed to legalise on and off-course betting.

Nigel Clark, chairman of the Sunday racing campaign committee, described Thursday's meeting with represen-tatives from William Hill. Ladbroke, the Tote, BOLA, NAB and Coral as "useful." ☐ Super Sally, trained by Mick Ryan, is being aimed at the Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster in March following her comfortable sixlength win in the Shark Handicap on Southwell's all-

Ladbroke and William Hill weather track yesterday. Arlington final is saved

CHELTENHAM'S loss is to switched from today's abanbe Newbury's gain following the successful re-scheduling yesterday of the Arlington Premier Series Chase. The two-and-a-half mile fi-

doned Cheltenham fixture to Newbury on February 8.

nal, featuring Remittance Man and Rolling Ball, is to be

The race, which will be reopened at the five-day stage, joins the Tote Gold Trophy and Game Spirit Chase on an

Tigani, 14 Morpicis, 16 Flying Promise, Tudorgalaway (5th), 20 Misubashi Video, 25 Courting Newmarter, 33 Beckingham Ben, 40 Harry 3 Joy, 100 Bracker Bay, 15 ran 141, 1141, 11, 14, 15 Bowning at Edwirstow. Tota: 528.70, 55.40, 25.30, 13.90 DF: \$404.70, CSF: 5960.17

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325 (Im 3f) 1. FRESCOBALDO (B
Doyle, 7-1); 2, Larra's Bably (R Cochrane,
4-1); 3, Westheld Moves (C Hawksley,
4-1); ALSO RAN 3 (av GrossBind (6th), 5
Mr Wishing Well, B Cheerful Times (5th),
10 Hand Palmine (4th), 14 Golden
Ancona, 16 Priceless Faritasy, 33 Mei Pen
Rai, Quartum Sweete, 11 ran, 41, 21, 29th
1 hd, 21, M Naughon at Richmond,
Tote: \$8.50; £1.80, £1.60, £3.70, DF:
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223 80 CSF: £33.22. Tricast: £347.10.
3.55 (77) 1. FOOLUSH TOUCH [P Bowe, 14-1); 2. Grand Guignol (F Cockrane, 16-1); 3. Shedad (Alex Greaves, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 3 lav On Y Va (8th), 15-2 Sandmoor Denin, 8 Cossack, Mor. 10 Hawaii Storm, Question Of Degree, 11 Mustry Boff (4th), 12 Cartifield, 14 Luzum, 20 State Governor (5th), Blazing Fon, 25 Good Time Boy, Kavinabelle, 15 ran. 11, 1141, hd, 31, 9. Walusson at Nowmerket. Tote: £15,10; £5.20, £4.70, £8.90, DF: £68.10. CSF. £141.78. Tricast: £1,345.30.

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Going: standard

1.25 (1m 6f) 1, QUALITAIR AVIATOR (G
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11 Belset (4th), 14 Pondered Bid, 16
Robres End, Finel Aca, Lord Advocate
(5th), 20 Blue Disc, 33 Stone Fields (5th),
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1.55 (Im)1. ME_TONBY (W Newmes, 7-4 fav): 2. Linie Nool (L. Charmock, 5-1). 3.
Silver Samurai (E Fasband, 11-4). ALSO RAN-7 Doesyoudoes (6th). 12 True Touch, 20 Maloesine (4th). 33 Kashgar, Don't Move (5th). 6 ran. NF. Life's A Bresze 8, 6l. hd, 10l. hd. J Hetherion at Malton Tota: 52.70, 51.10, 51.80, 51.10
DF: £6.70. CSF. £9.88.

2.25 (im) 1, SUPER SALLY (D Biggs, 11-2); 2, Mystic Crystal (Emme O'Gorman, 8-1); 3, Dorset Duke (M Hills, 6-1), ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Dousab is Image, 7 Prodictable (6th), 9 Use Dollar (5th), 10 Dawn Success (4th), 16 Guimarg, Everset, 20 Quinta Royale, 25 Sno Serenade, 11 ran, 8, 53, 34, 24), hd. M Ryan at Newmarket, Tote £5,80; £1,50, £3,50, £2,40, DF: £16,90, CSF: £43,47. Theast: £245,41.

2.55 (6f) 1, STRIP CARTOON (N Adams, 50-1). 2, Miss Calculate (J Fortune, 33-1). 3, Saladam Kright (M Humt, 10-1) ALSO RAÑ 9-4 fav Westg. Lad. 11-4 Friendly Claim (4th). 8 Toshiba Comat (6th), 10

Blinkered first time LINGFIELD PARK: 250 Martini Exec-utave, 3.20 race Frontin Revolution

Placepot: £485.40.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Plumpton, Southwell (AW), TUESDAY: Leicester, Sedge-field, Lingfield Park (AW), WED-NESDAY: Wandsor, Nottingham, Southwell (AW), THURSDAY: Towcaster, Edinburgh, Lingfield Park (AW) FRIDAY: Lingfield Park, Keleo, Southwell (AW). SATURDAY: Sandown Park, Chepetow, Wetherby. Stratford, Lingfield Park (AW).



Police probe dope scandal in Bombay

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racing's main organisations,

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INDIAN police are investigating the involvement of bigtime criminals in a doping scandal, which came to light when a racehorse collapsed at the start and had to be destroyed.

Ramdev Tyagi, a senior police officer, said that two bottles of drugs and some syringes had been found during searches of Bombay racecourse, India's leading track.

He said police had arrested the chief security officer of the Royal Western India Turf Club, which runs the Bombay racecourse, on suspicion of involvement. Three grooms were also arrested.

"It seems that organised gangs are involved in this racket." Tyagi said, adding that police believed they knew who the mastermind was and were seeking him.

Police began investigating after Night And Day, a colt due to start favourite for a race on January 5, collapsed

No televised Ayr coverage

THERE will be no live racing on television today following the abandonments of Cheltenham and Doncaster.

Channel 4, due to screen four races from Doncaster. has decided against switching coverage to Ayr. BBC1 were intending to cover three races at Cheltenham.

☐ There will be a 10am inspection tomorrow to determine prospects for the meeting at Plumpton on Monday.





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3.50 Say You Will.

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Boris and the Bells battle for a breakthrough



Martin Bell: optimist

FROM DAVID MILLER

DO NOT go looking for any Brits in the medal frame. nor even in the first ten, here in today's Lauberhorn World Cup downhill. Martin Bell has been unable to capitalise upon his eighth place, historic for Britain, in the Olympic downhill of 1988 at Nakiska Mountain, Calgary. He was then 23. His younger brother, Graharn, now 25, has yet to recapture the brilliance of his

Ronald Duncan, better

ris, who has twentieth starting place today on account of victories in two summer races in Chile last year. The self-effacing Duncan, who was on the team 11 years ago before taking three years off to read for a physics degree in computer sciences at Cambridge, has, by the vagaries of the points system, a starting place ahead of even such as Giradelli and Wasmeier.

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easy, Martin Bell admits. Maintaining incentive. "The will is still there," he says. "if for nothing else than I don't like being No. 3 on the British team. I still feel the aggression that one needs

The situation has not been

unfortunately, of my mood at the time. Suddenly, I was before every race. Maybe things are turning for me." finding I was off the pace, and it's frightening how In his first important race following the last Olympic quickly you can slip out of Games, the downhill at Val being in contention? Gardena early in 1989, Bell In Chile last summer, Bell fell heavily on the final jump won a practice race, then came fifth and ninth in the before the run-in. Relaxing

concentration, his ski tips lifted, he fell heavily, and races proper, behind Duncan. Graham was fourth and broke his thumb. That was seventh. Today, looking at the present leaders of one of less serious than a torn knee cartilage, which gave continuous pain on every jump. It was 18 months before he sport's most audacious events, the Bell brothers are had an operation to remove encouraged by the fact that advancing age is not neces-sarily a handicap. it, and two seasons had gone by, effectively wasted.

Perhaps I felt in Calgary, sub-consciously, that 1'd Stock and Hoeflehner, of Austria, are in their early thirties, while Heinzer, of arrived," he reflects. "I think Switzerland, the No. 1

least until the Winter. 1994," Graham Bell says. And they are hopeful that a possible new ranking system adjusting the points that determine starting places, might be helpful After the first two World Cup races this season, they both moved down to the Euing, and today will be only their third World Cup race.

These days, Graham Bell has no trouble from the knee injury that terminated his climb to the top, having

junior championship aged 17. His knee has a ten inch stretch of knitted polyester ate ligament This does not impair his movement, and he is optimistic he can still

Also helpful to the brothers is that personal sponsor-ship is bolding up, even under the stress of the present recession. Each has the backing of a travel com-pany, which together with enough to keep them on the circuit full time.

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thusiasm in their support, and the brothers switched to Head, and have found this to their advantage.

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When Walter Hubman their Austrian coach, departed in the summer of 1989 to return to the his country's European Cup squad, Harry Swerger, also of Anstria, was appointed. But the move was so unsuccessful that complaints led to his removal.

The British coach is now Hans Anewanter, another experienced Austrian. He keeps the troupe on a tight rein of discipline, which even in your mid-twenties is no bad thing if you are reaching for the top.

The late arrival is life and soul of the party

Botham gets going with a typically boisterous display

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN NEW PLYMOUTH

AS IAN Botham, the pantomime star, would agree, the old lines are very often the best. The same evidently applies to Botham, the cricketer. on the strength of a foreshortened day on which the tour newcomer ran through a familiar routine of pranks and histrionics and was blessed by outrageous good fortune.

when Botham grabbed the new ball at start of play and should take his first wicket with a leg-side wicketkeeping catch or his second with a legbefore decision, with the batspublicly, that he had hit it. To expect anything else of Botham would be to underes-

timate the man. His first spell back in England colours, and the first time on which a Durham player has represented the country, was a cameo of Botham down the years. As ever, he made a sow's ourse out of a pig's ear. There were very bad ones, but almost all were accompanied by theatri-

cal anticipation. It was, in many ways, the ideal stage for his return. Pukekura Park is possibly the world's loveliest ground and the grass terracing, cut out of the hills on three sides, provides an amphitheatre which might have been made for Botham. Although more than half the day was lost to rain, he brought people through the gate and, on a briefly sunlit evening, the crowd was perhaps bigger than on some

days of the Christchurch Test. This match, against Central Districts, is relevant for certain fringe players, a category in which Botham must be included, but that did not prevent a general mood of jollity which, two days after a memorable Test victory, was natural enough. Botham was times on the receiving end.

When he called for a drink while bowling. Allan Lamb, the 12th man, brought him cold tea disguised as Coca Cola. Then, having given way in the attack to Gooch, Botham shifted the bowling marker so that Gooch lost his run-up; the skipper's response was to balloon the next ball in the general direction of the sniggering Botham at first slip.

Such schoolboy lightheart-edness could be condoned on a day like this, certainly more so than the sight of Roger Twose, the Warwickshire allrounder who acts as overseas player here, haranguing the umpire after being adjudged ee-before.

Twose was not the only Central Districts player who apparently felt hard done by. Ingham's expression suggested he thought no contact was made when he wafted at Botham and Douglas set off away from the pavilion, dewhen he was caught at short leg off the other, half-forgotten new boy, Illingworth. No complaints, though, from Mark Greatbach, whose Test place is now for sale.

Two important decisions had been taken by England

CENTRAL DISTRICTS: First Innings

and C Auckram to bal. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-45, 3-71, 4-84.

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BOWLING: Botham 13-4-30-2. Pringle 13-3-25-1 (5 nb), Reeve 12-4-25-0, Gooch 8-4-7-1, libroworth 4-3-2-7-1.

ENGLAND 21: G. A. Gooch, "A. J. Stewart, G. A. Hick, R. A. Smith, M. R. Ramprakash, N. H. Fairbrother, 1

involved in everything, if at before play. One was that Stewart should gain further experience of captaincy, a role he mischievously relished by making Gooch bowl more than he would have chosen and, between overs, having him commute between third man and fine leg. The other was that Lawrence should not be risked, despite a very encouraging work-out in which he bowled five overs, eventually at close to full speed. The fear with Lawrence is that he would hold nothing back. The reality is that one further relapse would close the book on his case. Laurie Brown, the physiotherapist, admitted: "If he came off and said his side was at all sore, I would have to tell him to rest for ten days. That would be

the end of his tour." Brown was kept busy yesterday treating DeFreitas, whose groin strain is now a concern for the Auckland Test next week. "He could not have played in this match," confirmed Brown. "His legs feel dead and stiff after a lot of work. I think the groin will respond to rest, but I will

continue to treat him." The other man to pass through Brown's care yesterday was Pringle, whose match-winning catch in Christchurch was, it transpires, more heroic than it first seemed. The left index finger which Pringle broke in September was hit again, by his namesake Chris, early in the Test and has since been

Pringle himself might have been sore when, not for the first time in this country, he yesterday had a number of valid leg-before shouts rejected. England had chosen to bowl first and with good reason because the ball swung for all of their medium-paced bowlers, and by the close Central Districts, at 91 for five, were in disarray.

badly swollen and sore.



First of the tour: Botham appeals successfully as Ingham is caught behind

Middlesex receive a three-year backing

MIDDLESEX County Crick- his career. Now the president et Club is to be sponsored for the next three years by Smithkline Beecham, the producers of Brylcreem and Lucozade (Ivo Tennant writes). The backing, worth more than 5500,000, will benefit, in particular, the county's Centenary Youth Trust, junior teams and the

players' pool. Mike Murray, the Middlesex chairman, said that the deal gave the county security to plan for its future. "Sponsorship is vital for clubs in these recessionary times," he said. Brylcreem still remains synonymous with Denis Compton, who became renowned for wearing it during

of Middlesex, he admitted yesterday that he never expected to be associated with it again. "I loved every minute

of those days," he said.

The product has never sold so well since Compton was at the height of his fame in the Forties and Fifties. It will be liberally dispensed in the Middlesex dressing room, and the sponsors are hoping that Phil Tufnell, among others, will take to using it.

John Emburey, the Middlesex vice-captain, said Tufnell should be an England cricketer for the next 15 years. "He could well end up with more Test wickets than anyone," he said.

Border sets an exhausting example FROM JOHN WOODCOCK

IN ADELAIDE

IT WAS said of the first Australians to play Test cricket in Adelaide, in 1884, that "they did not trouble to practise". Anything less applicable to their side today would be

hard to imagine. It exhausts me just to watch Allan Border and his players at work. After a three-hour session following their arrival here on Thursday afternoon. they were at it again for another three hours yesterday morning, hardly letting up for a moment. The captain is as fit as any of them, though he is 36. The same goes for Graham Gooch, who is 38, as it did for Vivian Richards, even until he gave up the

West Indian captaincy, by when he was 39.

Most Test captains that I have known - anyway the earlier ones - would have found today's pace more than they could cope with. Freddie



Border: fitness devotee

Brown had his fortieth birthday in Adelaide on the 1950-1 MCC tour, and I fancied the doctor would have advised him against such a violent exercise as the Australian, English and West Indian sides take today, but he bowled a lot of overs in the

Test matches and never broke

What has struck me in the past two days, even with this intensely committed Australian side, is that when bowling in the nets they pay not the slightest attention to the position of the front foot. Although the cost of it is to be counted in hundreds of runs during the year, at practice, the Australians, not to mention the Indians, have been

over-stepping with abandon.

I happen to think that the present front-foot law has very little to recommend it. and accounts to no small extent for the decline over the past 20 years in overall bowl-

ing standards. It is simply not natural for a bowler to have to concern himself with where his front foot is landing. Sir Donald Bradman considers it a

However, it is the law as it stands, and to see Test players practising as though it did not matter is, to say the least. surprising. It is as though Stefan Edberg foot-faulted for a pastime while at practice, or a team of internationat long jumpers laughed off their no-jumps; it is as irratio-

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Potential medal vanishes with Conway's lapse

FROM JOHN HENNESSY IN LAUSANNE

BRITISH hopes of a medal in the European championopinion that "a medal of any colour would be brilliant". was left bewildered by her damaging omission of a triple compatriot. Charlene von Saher, were two of the few skaters who did not chance

their arm with a triple. The original programme: was won by the champion, Surya Bonaly, of France, who was born on the Indian Ocean island of La Réunion. A gymnast of some international standing, she is gradually adapting her acrobatics to the demands of the ice tink.

Her extraordinary ability to perform the jumps, with almost total security, is a particularly important virtue in the short programme, where mandatory penalties are exacted for any failure. Thus, she was able to execute the double guel with almost no preparation, to place the triimp second in the combination and to perform a double flip almost as a pass-

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make of Conway, whose medal aspirations had not seemed exaggerated? She is to have an operation in March on a declined to associate that with

It must, then, be put down to a failure of nerve at a more painful by the fact that manding presence on the ice. She lies in ninth place and is unlikely even to entulate her fourth place overall a year

Nor did British disappointments end there: Von Saner, who earne across the Atlantic to represent Britain on account of having been born in Wimbledon, also committed the same costly error as Conway. In her case, it was a toe loop, well within her compass. She is in fifteenth place.

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Frozen cup clubs seek Headingley warmth

BY KEITH MACKLIN

PITCH inspections will be taking place throughout rug-by league territory today, but one of the three Silk Cut Challenge Cup first round ties has already succumbed to the frost. Whitehaven v Sheffield Eagles will now be played on Monday.

Whitehaven's recreation ground was also set to stage the tie between Kells, the West Cumbrian amateur club, and Hunslet in the third division. This game is ex-tremely doubtful, but a decision will be made today.

On the credit side, the televised Leeds v Ryedale York tie will definitely be played this afternoon on Headingley's underground heating system. and Dewsbury's game with Leigh has been saved by the £2,000 expenditure on plastic

sheeting. As Dewsbury share Batley's ground at Mount Pleasant, this should also save the Batley match against first division Featherstone Rovers tomorrow. Another certainty tomorrow is the game between

Trafford Borough and Castleford, which has a morning kick-off after being switched to the secure warmth of Headingley's electric blanket. which is again proving its immense value. Barrow, who are at home to Keighley, have high hopes of playing.

was called off on Thursday and rearranged for Tuesday. Wigan, are desperate to get the fixture completed to allow them to represent Britain in the inaugural world sevens at

Length of course is reduced for challenger trials is the smallest in the fleet and fence trials, the challengers

San Diego

AS DENNIS Conner handed Bill Koch the biggest lesson in his short America's Cup career, beating the multi-millionaire by an emphatic six minutes during Thursday's defence trials, some of the challengers were working round the clock to get their boats ready before vesterday's

measurement deadline. Syd Fischer's Challenge Australia group found that efforts to improve their yacht's light air performance had put the boat out of class, Barry Pickthall on how the America's Cup hopefuls are measuring up

sail and ballast figures. "Yes, we do have a problem with measurement. but it is nothing like as bad as the problems we hear the Italians are facing," Phil Thompson, Fi-scher's helmsman, said.

Like the Challenge Australia team, which has the big-gest yacht and smallest sail area, the Italians have been concerned by the early perforand Thursday night was mance of the New Zealand spent frantically rejuggling yacht. The Bruce Farr design with the largest sail area. By all accounts, her performance is devastating in light winds.

The Australians and Italians have spent the past week attempting to optimise their yachts for the light winds forecast for the first roundrobin trials starting today: efforts that appear to have been counter-productive. Iain Murray's Spirit of Australia was also in dock, her crew working feverishly to resolve the poor manoeuvring provided by the vacht's novel how and stern rudder system. In light of lessons learned

during the first round of de-

agreed yesterday to change the format of their racing. The course has been shortened by 11.5 per cent to 20 miles and the four heats will begin at ten-minute intervals from 11.30am (local time). The complex zig-zag course

limits the amount of changes that can be made to counter wind shifts. The crews have chosen to restrict changes to moving the weather mark before the second upwind leg

The withdrawal of the Russian and Yugoslav teams means that the challengers will need only seven of the nine days allocated for each round-robin series of trials. The final two days of each round will now be held in reserve in case a lack of wind forces the cancellation of

Today's final defence trial between Koch's two campaign yachts is likely to be the last for Javhawk, which has failed to win a single encounter.

The American boat, built at huge cost by Hercules Aerospace, finished a poor seventh in last year's world championship and is expected to be retired in favour of a new boat ready to be shipped across

the second round of trials next month.

Thursday's stronger winds showed Conner's Stars & Stripes in a fresh light. "We had some unbelievable speed today," Tom Whidden, Conner's tactician and sailmaker, said. "There is no way Defiant could have beaten us on speed today. This was a fairly important race

for us." Defiant, Koch's front-line boat, skippered by Buddy Meiges, has beaten Stars & Stripes in all their encounters and remains unbeaten in this first round of trials.

Scottish winger has point to prove

Nevin pleads his case and earns himself a game

PAT Nevin hankers after a union career in the game when his playing days are over and, judging by the way he has managed to talk his way back into the Everton team for tomorrow's televised FA Cup fourth-round tie ential med against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge, his future career seems assured.

Having done his utmost to play his way back into the side and failed. Nevin would appear to have successfully sold to Howard Kendall, the manager, the idea of a poten-tially dream partnership consisting of himself and Peter Beardsley. Kendall has searched all

season to find from among his small but highly skilled forwards a combination that can provide the end-product to the excellent approach work which Everton have frequently produced.

He has almost felt obliged. in the circumstances, to respond to Nevin's pleas to be given a run in the side by restoring him in place of Robert Warzycha.

Kendali denied that it was because of whom Everion



were playing that he had turned to Nevin, though he must hold out hope that the sight of his old stamping ground will inspire the wee

Scot to give of his best.

"Pat could possibly give us that little bit more than we are getting at the moment."

Kendall said. "It's not just

because it's Chelsea."

Nevin, too, refuted that a date with an old love had anything to do with it. "I've made it obvious to the manager that I wanted to be involved," he said. "It doesn't matter that it's Chelsea or a live game. I feel that way about all games. I love my

Nevin, who has been on the transfer-list for five weeks, sincerely believes that he and Beardsley could strike up a winning partnership. "The little I've played with him I've really enjoyed it. he said. "I've had successful rela-

Smith memories spur Portsmouth

fourth round tie at home to Leyton Orient today, the Portsmouth manager recalled two events which

changed his career. In 1990, Newcastle United, with Smith at the helm, finished third in the second division but lost a play-off to local rivals Sunderland. It marked the beginning of the end of his tenure at St James' me."

So it was that Smith exchanged Tyneside for Teesside and the role of No. 2 to Colin Todd at Middlesbrough. They reached the 1991 play-offs only to lose to Notes County. "If Stuart Ripley had not been injured I am sure we would have won, and I would still be at Middles-

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brough," Smith said. Instead he took charge of-Portsmouth where they are warming to a promotion push, despite being the only club in the second division to spend nothing this season. Last Saturday 21,000

watched the 2-2 draw with Blackburn Rovers, while 16,000 are expected for Orient. Smith, though, is well aware that to keep the turnstiles clicking he will have to keep winning.

Smith's construction of a sound sweeper system, ably marshalled by Andy Awford, gives Portsmouth the meanest rearguard in the division, but there are problems at the other end. "I thought with Guy Whittingham and Colin Clarke here, goals would be

JIM Smith is due some luck no problem but they have in knockout competitions. As struggled. I possibly bought he prepared for the FA Cup and sold too many too quickly at Newcastle, so I've concentrated on the youngsters here. But I did try to buy Clive

Any new arrival will be well served by Portsmouth's passing game, not to mention two exciting wingers, Darren Anderton and Mark Chamberlain; once of England. ...

"By giving them a bit more self belief and tightening up are showing their talent. We have nothing to fear in this

That should not suggest that Smith, aged 51, is nonchalant about those third division visitors from Orien: They have good players, Nugent, Berry and Turner are very good."

Portsmouth's appearance at later stages could erase some unhappy memories, but what would really do the trick is "to defeat Sunderland at Wembley - they are the team I really want to beat."



Smith: optimistic

Kerry Dixon and even Tony Cottee but I think I could link up better with Peter player I could think of.
"When we have played to-gether I've had more service

off him than anyone. The way he thinks as a player is fantastic. He seems to have the qualities of a lot of players all rolled into one. He makes the most intelligent runs, the kind of which I've only ever known David Speedie make."

Nevin will need all the help he can get if, in the three months or so which remain of the season, he is to persuade Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach — by deed rather than words — that he has a part to play in his country's quest for glory in the Europe-an championship finals in Sweden in June

He has slipped completely out of the international pic-ture this season and it will take a great deal for him to get back into it. Just six starts for his club has not exactly given him a high profile. Nevin, however, is quick to point out that, of those games, Everion have won five and drawn one. "There's absolutely nothing wrong with my form," he insisted.

This, he will have the opportunity to prove before the nation when he starts his first game in more than three months against a club that will always remain close to his heart. The feelings are reciprocated and Nevin can expect another warm welcome from the Chelsea supporters for whom he was the darling for

"If there's still romance in football then I feel romantically inclined towards Chelsea," he said. "Incredibly, that regard which the fans have for me still holds. Even if they gave me a really rough time I wouldn't care. I'd still have that feeling for them.

"If it wasn't for them I might not still be playing football. After my first year at Chelsea, I was so fed up with London that I was thinking of giving up. It was the way they took to me that made me stay

Bolton v Brighton

Cambridge v Swindon

Ipswich v Bournemouth

it will be eaking a lot of Bourne-mouth to summon another huge effort just three days after their dramatic win on penalties at Newcastle and without Wood, their inspirational force, who is sus-pended, ipswich, who are playing some of their best football of the season, give a late fitness test to Krwomya.

Leicester v Bristol City

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SEOUL: South Korean Open: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: Wu Wenkal (Chinal) bit Park Sang-woo (S Kor), 15-11, 15-6; Lee Kwang-lin (S Kor) bit B Suprismto (Indo), 15-4, 12-2, ret; Wan Zhengwen (China) bit Kim Hak-kyun (S Kor), 15-9, 5-15, 15-17; A Budi Kusuma (Indo) bit Liu Jun (China), 6-18, 15-7, 15-4. Women's aingles: Quarter-finals: Bang Soo-hyun (S Kor), 11-7, 11-3; Hi Kohara (Japan) wo E hybidina (CiS), sor; Hi Mizui (Japan) bit Lee Heung-soon (S Kor), 1-11, 12-10, 11-5; Tang Juhong (China) bit M Blaint (Indo), 11-5, 11-7, Wignen's doubles: Semi-finals: Hwang Hye-young and Chung So-young (S Kor) bit K Jinnals and H Mort (Japan), 15-2, 15-3; Shim Eum-jung and Gil Young-ah (S Kor) bit T Metsuo and K Sassaga (Japan), 15-6, 15-6. Mixed doubles: Semi-finals: T Lund and P Dupont (Den) bit Aryono and Eliza (Indo), 18-14, 15-5; Lee Seng-bok and Shim Eun-jung (S Kor) bit N Ponting and G Gowers (Eng), 15-5, 15-12.

"With their backing and that of John Neal, the manager, I was able to develop my style. They let me make mis-takes and never really barracked me for them and that gave me the confidence to carry on."

That confidence has stayed with Nevin despite an indif-ferent career with Everton, whom he joined three and a half years ago for £925,000. He has suffered by continual comparison with John Barnes, just as countless other Everton players have down the years with their opposite

numbers across Stanley Park.
"You find that you're not playing against other people's standards or styles, so much as being compared with people across the way," he said. "It makes it tougher because you're up against the very best. Everion people expect the best and they expect to win things. When they don't, they change it very

Nevin: has proved himself a persuasive advocate of his own talents

The greater pressure is clearly on Norwich in this tie between two sides struggling with their League form. Miltwall will be relieved to get away from The Dan, once their fortress, particularly since their postscoring performance away from home is bettered by only two sides in the League. Bruce Ricch, the Millwell manager, will miss the game because of a virus. Norwich, who have lost six of their lest eight games, are without Gunn, who is replaced by Walton. has recovered from injury but has to settle for a substitute's role, while Walker, on loan from Cettlo, part-ners Philiskirk in attack. Cambridge v Swindon

Cambridge, who have reached the sixth round in each of the last two seasons, are well on course to repeat the feat. They have beaten Swindon home and away this season and must be favoured, despite their recent disappointing League form, particularly at home, where they have not won in the League since October 26. Chestham is set to return.

Portsmouth v Leyton O

Roeder, whose last appearance for Orient was the 1978 FA Cup semi-final against Arsenal, could be drafted in as sweeper. Whitbread, who has had flu, was included in the aquad, while Castle looks certain to start despite injurying his toe in published.

West Ham v Wrexham

West Ham's nerve looks as though it will again be put to the test by lowly opposition. Already without Bishop and Gale, it must have been Bishop and Gale, it must have been heartening for them to hear that Stater could play, if only with the help of a course of pain-killing injections. McAvennie, who has recovered from a damaged shoul-der, may be deployed in midfield. Brian Flynn, the Wrexham menager, has included himself in his team's

Third round replay Derby v Burnley

Bristol City are likely to find Leicester far more formidable opponents than Wimbledon were in the last round. Brian Little, the Leicester manager, looks certain to field the same side which defeeted Swindon last weekend. Mauchlen is still injured and Gordon suspended. Platmauer returns to the squad. Lewellyn reclaims his place in the Bristol defence in place of the injured Shelton, the captain, who has twice been a member of losing semi-finalists. The prospect of a home tie against Aston Villa next Wednesday becknas the winners of this tie, which was abandoned because of fog with Derby leading 2-0. Jimmy Mulien, the Burnley manager, still insists that the fourth division leaders are afraid of no one.

First division Tottenham v Oldham

Tottenham find themselves Designate even more tailible than their own. Walker continues in goal for Tottenham, but there is a doubt about the availability of Allen, whose daughter has been very it, and Edinburgh, who has a heavy

Tomorrow FA Cup Fourth round

Chariton v Sheffield U Cetting into the first division or staying in it must be the chief priorities of these two sides, but like it or not one of them must stay a while longer in this competition. Charlton hope to have Lee back after injury. United await a firless report on Cowan's knee injury. Gage stands by to deputies. Chelsea v Everton

A repeat of the 2-2 draw between the sides in a League fixture in September would suit Everton. If Chelsea repeat their abyamal performance against Southampton in a Zenith Data Systems Cup tie on Tuesday, the Merseysiders might even win at the first attempt. Nevin returns to face his former cith in even will strike list strengt, level in returns to face his former club in place of Warzycha and Cottee stands in for the injured Johnston. Jackson is available. Monkou may deputise again for Cundy, who still her fit.

Notim Forest v Hereford Not that they will probably need him, but Charles has recovered from a harristring injury and is ready and able to play for Forest against their fourth division opponents. Tiler's return looks further off.

Wednesday work out the terms for Cantona deal

ERIC Cantona, the French his dismissal last November international forward, is due to arrive in Sheffield this weekend with a view to play-ing for injury-hit Sheffield Wednesday for the rest of the

After a five-hour meeting in Paris yesterday, Graham Mackrell, the Sheffield Wednesday secretary, said that Canton would join the rest of the club's players for training for the next few days."

"If he likes us and we like him, then we'll sign an agreement for him to stay on loan until the end of the season, when we'll have an option to

Wednesday are paying both Cantona and his club, Nimes, under the loan agreement. If the full transfer goes through, the cost to the Yorkshire dub will be around £1

"If Cantona joins us, he will be our player," Mackrell said. There are no clauses about payments for appearances and the French club will get no cut of the fee if he moves on from us."

The meeting in Paris was attended by Cantona, his lawyer, two representatives from Nimes and one from the French players' union, who were involved because the player has been in dispute with his dub.

Mick Mills, the former England captain, has taken out a high court writ against Coventry City claiming as the club's assistant-manager. He still had 18 months of his contract left to run.

Derek Mountfield, the As ton Villa central defender, is to sign for Wolverhampton Wanderers in a £150,000 deal after finally agreeing personal terms with the second division club, where he has been on loan for the past

three months. Southend United are going ahead with plans to move to Basildon where the second division club wants to build a 25.000 seat multi-sports stadium.

Their decision follows a long-running wrangle be tween the club and Southend Council over moving from Roots Hall, the club's ground since 1955, to a new site in the borough. Southend hope the new stadium could be ready for use before the start of the 1993-94 season.

Simon Hume-Kendall, the prospective buyer of Aldershot, yesterday received the support of the players in his bid to save the fourth division club. Squad members had been angered by rumours suggesting that their wages could be halved.

☐ John Westmancoat, the Port Vale secretary, has died at the age of 62 after a short illness. He joined the second division club last September after more than 20 years working with Walsall, West Bromwich Albion and

England v France screened by ITV

THE BBC has won the right to show two out of England's are delighted that a sensible three group matches at the European football championship finals live from Sweden this summer. But ITV has the showdown against the favourites, France, and two out of three of Scotland's matches under the television agreement announced yes-

The two companies have agreed to split coverage of the ges in June, with rights to six matches each over the initial nine-day period. As well as England's games against Yugoslavia and Sweden, the BBC has exclusive live coverage of

Scotland against Germany. ITV's package includes all three of the matches involving Netherlands, the champions, against Scotland,

scheduling plan has been agreed which is to the benefit of everyone — ITV, BBC, football and, above all, the viewers." Bob Burrows, head of ITV Sport, said yesterday. No decision has been made about coverage of the semifinals or final but Gary Double, spokesman for ITV, said "We hope common sense will prevail and viewers will be given a choice."

(Agencies

TELEVISION SCHEDULE: Sweden v France (June 10, 7.15pm) ITV; England v Yugoslevia (June 11, 7.15pm) BBC; Scotland v Netherlands (June 12, 4.15pm) ITV; Gernsny v CS (June 12, 4.15pm) ITV; Gernsny v CS (June 12, 7.15pm) ITV; Yugoslevia v Sweden (June 14, 4.15pm) ITV; Yugoslevia v Sweden (June 14, 7.15pm) BBC; Scotland v Germany (June 15, 4.15pm) BBC; Netherlands v CS (June 13, 7.15pm) ITV; England v Sweden (June 17, 7.15pm) BBC; France v Yugoslevia (June 17, 7.15pm) BBC; Scotland v CS (June 18, 7.15pm) ITV; Netherlands v Germany (June 18, 7.15pm) ITV.

Stage set for Fofana

Dakar: The absence of Abedi Pele, the suspended captain of Ghana, from the African Nations' Cup final here in Senegal tomorrow has left the stage open for the leading Ivory Coast forward,

Youssouf Fofana. Fofana missed his side's quarter-final against Zambia and semi-final with Camer-oon because of injury, but is expected to play against Ghana, who are the favourites.

Fofana, aged 25, is one of eight European-based professionals in the Ivory Coast squad, which has reached the final for the first time. He

plays for Monaco, where he is known for his dribbling and ball-control.

Much will depend on Fofana and his ability to inspire the Ivory Coast attack against a Ghana side without Pele, who collected his second caution of the tournament in the semi-final against Nigeria Yesterday, the Confedera-tion of African Football rejected Ghana's appeal to allow him to play in the final. In Pele's absence, greater

responsibility is likely to fall on the shoulders of the 17year-old Anderlecht forward. Nii Lamptey. (Reuter)

Talbot takes the lead

PHILIP Talbot, from the Royal Mid-Surrey chib, post-ed a six-under par 65 to open up a three-stroke lead at the halfway stage of the Standard Chartered Kenya golf Open. in Nairobi. Talbot relegated Andre

Bossert, from Switzerland, into second place with Matthias Gronberg, from Sweden, third.

Addition to party Skiing: Debbie Pratt, aged

22. from Leeds, has been added to the British Alpine skiing team for the Winter Olympic Games in Albertville. Pratt will compete in the downhill, super giant slalom and combined events.

Semi-final defeat

Badminton: Nick Ponting and Gillian Gowers, of England, were beaten by Lee Sang-bok and Shim Eunjung, of South Korea, in the mixed doubles semi-finals at the South Korean Open.

In the black

SNOOKER

Davis holds nerve on treacherous surface

FROM PHIL YATES IN BANGKOK

renowned patience and tactical adaptability to reach his in the 1990 English Amateur fourth successive final with a 5-2 victory over Willie Thorne in the semi-final of the £180.000 Asian Open here last night.
Davis, who plays Alan
McManus in today's best-of-

seventeen-frame final, struggled on a table made difficult by the arena's high tempera-ture. He was able to extend his sequence of wins to thirteen only because the conditions were even less conducive to Thorne's style of play, which revolved around heavy

break-building. Apart from a run of 46 in the fourth frame from Davis and a precise clearance of 94 in the seventh, the exchanges were scrappy. Davis said: "The table wasn't totally unplayable but it wasn't far short. It's nobody's fault, it's just dampness in the cloth created by the air-condition-

McManus secured his first appearance in the final of a ranking tournament when be Cricket: Worcestershire made. halted the giant-killing run of a profit of £20,872 from the Joe Swall, from Northern Ireland, with a 5-3 victory. The

STEVE Davis needed all his win served as ample revenge Championship final.

The key frames for McManus were the second and sixth. Trailing 51-30 in the second, the Scot, aged 21, fluked the yellow in escaping a snooker off two cushions and remorselessly cleared to black to lead 2-0.

Swail, who reached the semi-finals with three successive 5-0 wins, appeared to have the momentum as he recovered from 3-0 down to trail 3-2, but McManus, with a break of 84, reversed his temporary slide. Swail replied by making an 86 in the seventh, but McManus thenplayed out a near flawless

McManus, a loser in his two previous semi-finals in big tournaments, said: "The pressure was unreal. I found out today that to get to a final is ten times harder than reaching a semi-final." RESULT TB: Quarter-finals: A Molfanus (Soot) bt M Clark (Erg), 5-2 J Swall (N In), bt J Read (Erg), 5-0; W Thome (Erg) bt D O'Kane (N2), 5-1; Semi-finals; McMarus bt Swall, 5-3; Frame scores (McMarus trat); 89-42; 87-51; 70-29; 57-67; 30-112; 85-23; 39-66; 101-6; S Davis (Erg) bt Thome, 5-2; Frame scores (Deals Frat); 49-28; 55-43; 39-70; 75-50; 73-34; 51-64; 95-29.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Denver Naggets 115, Utah Jazz 111; Detroit Pistons 111, Houston Rockets 109, Los Angeles Cappars 96; Los Angeles Laisers 108; Sacramento Kings 105; Monseota Traberwolves 100; Portland Trail Blazers 113, Seattle SuperSonics 109.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP; Semi-final series: Pool A: Maccabl Eite (Isr) 95, Stobodna Dalmacia (Yug) 85; Choma Zagreb 75, Barcelona 63 (in Puerto Reel, Spain); Olympique d'Antibes 94, Phonola Caserts (in) 85; Visus Bologna 90, Kalev Tellinn (Entonic) 87. Pool B: Joventur Badelona (Sp.) 75. Philips Milan 81; Den Halder (Neth) 58, Bayer Levertusen 85; Mechelen (Bel) 86, Partizan Beigrade 72; Ans Saloniko 88, Estudiantes Machel 99.

BASKETBALL

BOXING YORK: Profession bill: Welterweight (6 mds): Phil Epton (Doncester) bt Carl Hook (Swersen), pts. Ron Hopky (Ripon) bt Rick North (Grimsby), pts. Light-middle (6 mds): Charle Moore (Doncester) bt Stuart Durn (Lelester), sc. 3rd md. Cralest (6 mds): Derzit Brown (Leads) bt Durnen McKenna (Sheffield), pts. Light-heavy (8 mds): Michael Gale (Leads) bt John Kaphin (Swensel, pts. Super-middle (10 mds): Henry-Wherton (York) bt Nicky Welker (US), pts

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Western Australia 267 for 4 (M Veletta 77 not out. W

Victoria.

CURRIE CUP: Johannesburg: Crange Free State 288 for 8 (M Arthur 120) v Transvasi. Cape Town: Western Province 288 for 8 (A Kulper 122) v Border. Verwoerdburg: Natel 143 (E Moseley 4 for 41); Northern Transvasi 58 for 1.

THIRD DIVISION: Postponed: Wiger Athletic v Torquey United. FOURTH DIVISION: Postponed: North-emplon Town v Aldershot. GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Postom Valuation of Northwich.

IRISH CUP: Fifth round replay:
Coloraine 0, Dungannon Switts 2.
AFFICAN NATIONS CUP: Sami-finat:
Carreroon 0, Nory Coast 0 (set; Nory
Coast wn 3-1 on penaties, play Ghana in
final, Daltar, Sunday).

OLYMPIC CULLIFIER: Asian second
reand match: Cata 1, South Kores 0. round match: Gater 1, South Kores 0. OTHER MATCH: Darry City 0, Manchester City 2.

ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Buffalo Se-bres 5, Pittsburgh Penguins 4: Chicago Blackhawks 4, Quebec Nordiques 2; Los



Jan-Ove Waldner: won table tennis final

GOLF PHOENIX OPEN: First round (US unless stated). 64: D Forsman, B Fabel. 65: D Pohl, D Love, D Pruitt. 68: L Janzen, N Price (Zim), T Simpson, J Deleing 67: B Bryant, J Pats. S Pats. 68: B Lohr, D Waldorf, A North, L Roberts, B Glasson 69: T Sieckmann, B Wolcott, M Calcavecchia, B Faxon, B Mayfair, M Hulbert, G Morgan, R Mediate, M McCumber, B Britton, O Boowne, M Reid, G Hailberg, M Nicolette, J Sluman, A Magoe, J Huston, N Henke, D A Wesbring

Magee, J Hoston, N Henke, D A Wesbring
PERTH: Vines Classic: Leaders etter
two rounds (Australia unless stated)
138: J Maggert (US), 88, 69: i BakerPinch, 71, 67: W Smith, 68, 72; B Ogle, 71,
87: 139: M Harveod, 69, 70, 140: P
O'Melley, 71, 69: G Boros (US), 56, 74,
141: N Sugai (Japan), 72, 69: S Hoinea (NZ), 72 69: D Fardon, 69, 72; M Larner (Swe), 70, 71; C Parry, 68, 73; K Suzuki (Japan), 68, 73; F Nobilo (NZ), 73, 68, 142:
J Morse (US), 72, 70; O Northerg (Swe), 74, 69; J Kay (US), 70, 72; S Bennett (GB), 72, 70; P Fowler, 73, 69; British spores: 148: J Spones, 75, 73, 155: B Jackson, 76, 79; 156: M Gattes, 79, 77.
KENYA OPEN: Leaders after two rounds: 132: P Talbot (Eng), 57, 68, 135: A Bossert (Switz), 67, 137: S Bottomiey (Eng), 56, 71, C Mattman (Scot), 69, 68, 135: P Njiru (Ken), 66, 72.

LŲĠE CALGARY: World Cup event 1, M Prock, (Austria), 1min 32.591 set; 2, G Hacid (Ger), 1:32.781; 3, R Manzennetter (Aus-tra), 1:32.548; 4, N Huber (1), 1:23.061, 5, A Huber (II), 1:33.202, 6, J Muller (Ger); 1:33.290.

RACKETS SCHOOLS MATCHES: Harrow (C Dentry and H Forter) bi Eton (A Mordinant and J Watch) 17-18, 15-9, 15-8, 3-15, 9-15, 9-15, Rugby (R Carter and C Roberds) bi Meriborough (S Galoomal and R Spend-er), 15-4, 14-7, 16-13, 10-15, 15-12, 15-10.

RUGBY UNION YORKSHIRE CUP. First round: Whatfedale 6. Sheffield 6. (Sheffield quelfield on 1-0 try count). FOUR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Worcestershire and Herefordshire 13, Derbyshire 0.

> SKIING SKIING:
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> ZWIESEL, Germany: British national
> and forces championships: Army 4 x
> 10km relay: 1, Army 12th Transport
> Regiment, Bunde, Germany, (M Watches,
> G Simpson, J King, N Vickers), 1hr 52min
> 10.8sec; 2, 35 Engineering Regiment,
> Hamlyn, Germany, 1:55.32.6; 3, 45 Commando Royal Merine, Arbrooth, (guests)
> 1:57.24.2; 4, 3rd Royal Tank Regiment,
> Catterick, 2: 01:32.7; Women's Interservices 3 X Stim relay championship; 1,
> Army A (J McAustand, Headfield,
> Duffield), 1hr: 19 13.3; 2, RAF, 1: 27.48.3;
> 3, Army B, 1:28:59.6.

> S. Army B., 1225-8.6.
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> LAKE PLACID, New York: World Cup treestyle event: Mea's ballet: 1, L. Spine (US), 27 Topins: 2, F. Becker (Fr), 27 15; 3. R. Pierce (Can), 25,85. World Cup positions: 1, R. Kristansen (Nor), 123; 2. Spins, 121; 3, Pierce 117. Women's ballet: 1, C. Kissing (Switz), 25,50 [s; 2, S. Petzold (US), 22.00; 3, A. Johansson (Swe), 22.00; 4, J. Snell (GS), 21.55 World Cup positions: 1, Kissing 60; 2, Petzold, 55, equal 3, C. Fechoz (Fr) and Johansson, 44. British placing, 7, Snell, 38.

TABLE TENNIS TADOTSU: World All-Stars tournal TADOTSU: World All-Stars tournament: Cuarter-finals (first leg): L-O Waldner (Swe) bt J Rosskof (Ger), 21-13, 21-16; r/m Tae-soc (S Kor) bt E Linch (Sweden), 21-12, 21-19; Ma Wennye (China) bt J-P Gatten (fr), 21-9, 21-15; Yu Smantong (China) bt I Shibuttani (Japan), 21-16, 21-18. Semi-finals: Waldner bt Kim, 21-19, 18-21, 23-21; Ma beat Yu, 21-16, 21-10. Final: Waldner bt Ma, 21-13, 18-21, 18-21, 21-19, 21-14.

YACHTING SYDNEY: Skiff world champlonships: Fourth round: 1, Aami (J Bethwalte): 2, Winfletd (M Spise): 3, Fab Art (A Young). British placings: 5, Childfillght (M Jones): 8, Ovington (D Ovington): Provisional overall: 1, Aami; 2, Winfletd: 3, Pace Express (D Witt): Provisional British placings: 7, Childfight; 8, Ovington. MOTOR RALLYING

Kankkunen starts on a handicap

Monaco: Juha Kankkunen, the world champion, of Finland, will drive the first competitive section of the Monte Carlo Rally, which starts today, handicapped by a 30second penalty. The Lancia driver was penalised for a late arrival at a time control during his run-in from the starting point in Sestriere, Italy. He was delayed at customs near Menton on the Italy-France border.

The snow, which has fallen in the southern Alps in France in recent days, may not please most drivers, but competitors in the rally were happy at the sight of it yesterday.

"A Monte Carlo in the snow is really great," the 1990 winner, Didier Auriol, of France, said. Mild weather has lessened the interest of the rally in recent years. Drivers are expecting to

face a wide variety of conditions before the annual winter classic finishes on Wednesday. "It's going to be a real headache to choose tyres but that's one of the necessary preconditions of the event. last year's winner, Carlos Sainz, said. (Reuters)

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Forward's career depends on Cup success

Townsend opens doubts on his future at Chelsea

BY CLIVE WHITE

ANDY Townsend, one of the most sought-after players in Britain, confessed yesterday that he was not prepared to live with failure any longer. Should his club, Chelsea, fall flat on their faces again in tomorrow's televised FA Cup fourth round tie against Everton at Stamford Bridge. Townsend indicated that he would be forced to seriously reconsider his future.

The Republic of Ireland international and Chelsea captain has finished on the losing side in five important cup semi-finals — twice in the FA Cup and three times in the League Cup - and saw another chance of reaching a Wembley final virtually disappear on Tuesday when Chelsea were beaten 2-0 in the first leg of the Zenith Data Systems Cup southern final by Southampton at the

"I'm not trying to put pressure on the powers that be, but I would be lying if I said I was definitely going to end my days here," he said.

There's no burning desire to pack up and leave and go and play for someone else,



but there is a burning desire to win something."

It is the first time that Townsend has intimated that he would be prepared to leave the club he joined in a £1.2 million deal from Norwich City 18 months ago. Chelsea have resisted all offers for the player, who would now command more than E3 million.

Townsend appeared to have pledged himself to the London club when he signed an improved contract this season but Chelsea's spineless performance in midweek. which lan Porterfield, the manager, described as the worst in his time at the club, may have made Townsend face up to the team's

inadequacies.
"I would certainly be

Frost threatens to take further toll

By JOHN GOODBODY

SEVERE frost has hit sport this weekend, with football and rugby union being to postpone cup matches and race meetings being cancelled at Cheltenham and Doncaster.

More fixtures are in doubt with inspections scheduled this morning at many grounds. Four FA Cup fourth-round ties and six Barclays League matches, including the first division match at Crystal Palace, have been called off. The postponed cup ties at Bristol Rovers, Notts County, Sheffield Wednesday and Oxford United will be played in the week beginning February 3.

Last night's league games at Wigan and Northampton also fell foul of the weather.

Bolton Wanderers, at home to Brighton, and Derby County, who meet Burnley in a third-round replay, were confident yesterday that undersoil heating would enable them to play today. West Ham United thought that their new £15,000 cover would guarantee their tie against Wrexham today and that of Charlton Athletic, who share Upton Park, against Sheffield United tomorrow.

The biggest disappointment was for Bristol Rovers, The Twerton Park ground had suffered three successive nights of sub-zero temperatures and a club official said:

The sun is shining but part of the ground is in shade and the nitch is rock-hard. With a 12.30pm kick-off we had to make a decision today. We did not want Liverpool fans to have a wasted journey in the morning."The tie will be played on February 4 and all 9,400 tickets will be valid. There will be no refunds.

However, Bristol's rugby union side was optimistic that its tie against Saracens would be one of only two Pilkington Cup matches to be played today. The other is between Wasps and Harlequins. Six of the fourth-round matches have been postponed and the draw for the quarter-final, scheduled for Monday, has been delayed.

The race meetings at Ayr and at the all-weather course at Lingfield will go ahead, but prospects for Plumpton on Monday are already poor.

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playing days I had not achieved anything," he said. "I'm 28 now and the next couple of years are so impor-tant to me." He added with stinging criticism of the club's playing strength: "I've played for Southampton and Nor-wich and now I'm at another club that hasn't been geared up for success."

Townsend estimated that the club needed as many as five or six more quality players to bring the first team squad up to an acceptable strength of 20. But with Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, needing all the money he can lay his hands on to buy out the leasehold of Stamford Bridge and redevelop the site, there would appear to be pre-cious little funds for big

One player who is definitely poised to leave his club but may be planning a quick return is Gordon Davies, the Wrexham and former Wales international forward. Davies, aged 36, is set to leave the Welsh club on Monday to become player-manager of Tornado, a Norwegian club.

However, should Wrexham, who knocked out Arsenal in the third round, continue to advance in the competition at the expense of West Ham United, whom they meet at Upton Park today, Davies intends to find out whether or not it is possible for him to continue playing for the fourth division. club in the FA Cup.

Davies, who joined the club on a free transfer from Fulham, has already agreed to stay on should Wrexham take West Ham to a replay next week. "He's one of the best professionals I've ever worked with and he's been a buge influence in our dressing room," Brian Flynn, the Wrexham manager, said.

The magic of the Cup is such that even Flynn, aged 36, felt compelled to included himself in his team's squad, while at Fratton Park, Glenn Roeder, 37, is poised to play his first cup-tie for Leyton Orient, for whom he is on trial, since their FA Cup semifinal against Arsenal in 1978. ☐ Robert Rosario, who was banned from receiving FA Cup final tickets for three years, yesterday said: "It was my fault. I was let down by a friend. I gave my pair of tickets to him for nothing.

The FA discovered that tickets supplied to him for last year's final were later sold on for inflated prices. "With hindsight, I should

have returned the tickets to the FA when I knew I was not going to use them," he added.

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A surprise call for Watkin

FOLLOWING a recurrence

of shoulder trouble, Martin Bicknell, the Surrey fast bowler, has been withdrawn from the England A tour to Bermuda and West Indies in the long-term interests of his career. Steve Watkin, the Glamorgan seam bowler, replaces him in the tour party which will leave London on

February 18. Bicknell recently dislocated his left shoulder in training, a repetition of the problem that kept him out of cricket for nearly three weeks last June. There is a possibility that he will have a corrective operation.

Bicknell has been bowling at full pace as he prepared for the tour and this latest set-back is a sickening disappointment for a player who has had more than his share of injury problems in recent years. He could have been risked, but there was always a

BY RICHARD STREETON chance that his shoulder

would "slip out" again.

Bicknell, aged 23, has accepted that he has most of his playing life ahead of him and that it is more important to rectify the problem in readiness for next summer. Last November, Bicknell had a rib operation to deal with a side injury which restricted his cricket in Australia with England in 1990-1.

Watkin, presently playing club cricket in Natal, was also a late addition to last winter's A tour to Pakistan and Sri Lanka, after DeFreitas was summoned to Australia. He played in the first two Test matches against West Indies last season, taking five wick-

ets in the win at Headingley. Watkin finished the summer with 74 first-class wickets at 29.39 each. He lacks Bicknell's pace, but can move the ball both ways and has an ideal temperament. Both last

winter and in Zimbabwe, on the 1989-90 A tour, he bowled with great perseverance. Gladstone Small replaces

players on stand-by for the World Cup, joining Moxon, Hussain and wicketkeeper, Rhodes Eng-land have to announce their final World Cup squad 14 by February 19.

Bicknell on the list of four

Watkin is the second change in the England A touring side. Earlier this week. John Stephenson, the Essex opener, was announced as the replacement for the injured Michael Atherton. LA South African cricket tour of West Indies in early April is on, providing sponsors can be found to pay for it. The programme includes a Test match in Barbados and three one-day internationals, in Jamaica and Trinidad

A painful kick

IT WOULD be going too far to feel sorn for any of the fabulously wealthy athletes preparing for the day of their lives at the Super Bowl here in Minneapolis tomorrow tives at the Super Bown nere in Minneapons inmorrow—but I must confess, with Scott Norwood, I come close. These days, athletes perform exercises in positive thinking. They imagine themselves in all kinds of splendid situations. Think positive eradicate the negative.

Norwood has spent the entire week talking about the worst disaster of his life. He missed, from 47 yards and by four feet the last minute kick that would be no closer the

four feet, the last-minute kick that would have given the Buffalo Bills victory in the Super Bowl last year. What we 2,000-old media people need to know is how did he he feel? When did he know it was going to miss? How did it affect him? Every day, the same questions, over and over again, for a full hour. "It's like having the same tooth pulled every day," a player once said.

"You keep regurgitating that previous kick," Norwood said. "This has been beaten to death. My focus is on the

forure." Sure, yes, of course but what did you learn from

"How to cope with unusual circumstances that were placed on me by the media." How do you feel about that miss now? "I've put it totally out of my mind."

A chance would be a fine thing.

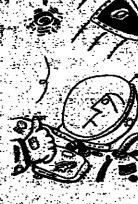
English lesson

THE Super Bowl is an unrivalled opportunity for cheap publicity. Salute downtown Julie Brown. who graced Media Day in

"black leather pants and The local papers say she Madonna-style breast speaks in a heavy British cones". She performed accent". Me. I'm preserving my mystique out here.

Space watch

part of the Super Bowl pregame show, performing the toss of the coin in space Meanwhile, the Hubert H Humphrey Metrodome, where the game takes place, wa



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Jamaicans are still 'bobbin'

EDDIE the Eagle may be missing the Winter Olympics, alas, but at least the old friends of this column, the Jamaican hobsicigh team, will be these. George Fuch, an American investment adviser, founded the team, and now seriously. But we're not a gimmick, or flash in the pan." The best news is that Devon Harris can now drive a sledge - who will forget the near disaster when the team completed the run on their hearis?

Since then, the team has made a beer commercial, found a sponsor, and made a record (called "Hobbin and Bobbin'). They have been on a Jamaican commemorative stamp, and now Disney is developing a movie based on the team. Its goal is the top 30 in the two-man event, and the top 25 in the four. Possible rivals include Fiji. Philippines, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

No trial by TV Winter dream

vision spectacular, Wil-liam Kennedy Smith, will not take place Indiana laws do not allow court proceeding to be british cast, so the Mike Tyson rape trial, which starts on Monday, will not happen in everybody's sitting room. Meanwhile, the judge has rejected 11 new witnesses for the defence, because of a missed deadtine. These include a hand-writing expert; five preachers, and a hand-lator for Tyson's street language".

THE follow-up to the tele. AN AWFUL lot of Americans think the Winter Olympics are taking place in Albertville, Alabama. rather than Albertville in France. Brenda Rains, director of the Alabaman Albertville's chamber of commerce, has been fielding requests for tickets for six months. Several Albertville residents have called the chamber to say they were "surprised to hear the town was hosting the Winter Games. They had a right to be you get one day's snow a year there, if you are unlucky.

Welsh to replace

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

Norling

ENGLAND will name tomorrow their XV to play Ireland in the second round of the five nations' rugby championship while Wales will nominate their referee for the game at Twickenham after the withdrawal yesterday of Clive Norling, who was scheduled to handle the but has been unable to shake off influenza.

The same Welsh trio that operated for the Calcutta Cup match at Murrayfield will be on duty at Twickenham, with the choice likely to be between Derek Bevan, who handled Scotland v England, and Les

The England squad, meanwhile, will train tomorrow at Bisham Abbey's all-weather surface. The selectors have two teams to nominate, since there is a B international with

Ireland next Friday.

The main concern for the senior side is the fitness of Tim Rodber, the Northampion No. 8. If he reports no illeffects from the blow on the head which forced him off last Saturday, then he is likely to retain his place.

Ulster question makes waves in swim contest

FROM CRAIG LORD IN BONN

ALL eyes were on Ireland in Bonn last night, but they were not smiling. For an entry by a team from Ulster-Northern Ireland has thrown into doubt the future role of British swimmers in the World

Invitations to the Arena Festival at Bonn, the fifth round of the World Cup, one of the world's leading shortcourse events, are for national federations only. Apparently unaware of the political situation and the organisation of swimming in Britain and Ireland, baffled organisers admitted last night that they were unaware that Northern Ireland was not a federation. "Is it not so for football and athletics?" one official asked.

Organisers then seemed further alarmed by the realisation that none of the teams entered as England. Scotland and Wales were federation squads. The Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain is the only federation in British swimming, while Ireland competes as a united

The three swimmers from Ulster had yet to arrive in Bonn last night, before this morning's start of competition, but the matter had not gone unnoticed by the official

Gerard Doyle, Ireland's head coach at Bonn, said: "It's very unfair. We chose our team on the basis of people with prospects for Barcelona. As far as we know, there are two here swimming as Northern Ireland because they weren't picked for Ireland. It would be the first Northern Ireland team, I can't really tell you what's

going on."
"Ulster is a province, they are not a federation," he added.

The spokesman for Fina, the world governing body which became co-organiser of the World Cup for the first time this year, said: "We would like to see all this better controlled with rules being observed. At the moment, organisers are just happy to accept entries from as many 'countries' as possible. "In the World Cup final

next month, I am sure Britain

will swim as Britain and

nothing else. So, it should be

that way in future in the

qualifying rounds."

Fourth win in view for Heinzer

Wengen, Switzerland: Markus Wasmeier, of Germany, the winner here in 1987, set the fastest time in the first run and Italy's Kristian Ghedina was quickest in the second, in final practice for today's World Cup downhill on the Lauberhorn track.

The Swiss world champion, Franz Heinzer, who had successive victories in Kitzbūhel last Friday and Saturday, showed that he would make a powerful bid to take his tally for the season to four wins in six downhills. Heinzer was second in the

first run and, easing up, sixth in the second. Victory today would put him alongside Franz Klammer and Jean-Claude Killy as winners of the two classic downhills of Kitzbühel and Wengen in one season. (Reuter) ☐ Morzine, France: Katja

Seizinger, who leads the women's World Cup standings, recorded the fastest time in the final training run before today's downhill here. She was the quickest by almost a second. (AP)

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Durham pull off another coup

BY DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

THE world cross-country championships are to return to Britain in 1995, the first time for 12 years that they will have been staged here. The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) announced the decision yesterday after a meeting of its council in Mexico City.

The championships will be staged in Durham, yet another coup for the North-East. The last British-hosted world cross-country championships were in 1983 in Gateshead The 1985 wornen's world 15-kilometres championship and the 1989 European Cup were also in Gateshead and this year, on September 20, Typeside will host the first IAAF world half-

marathon championship. . The British bid representatives went to Mexico City seeking the 1994 championships but those have been awarded to Budapest. "If the IAAF had said no to 1994 and told us to apply next year for 1995, we would have been disappointed, but we are delighted to have 1995 - it gives us an extra year to prepare," John Caine, the events manager for Nova In-

ternational, said. Nova International is the marketing gency that presented the bid on behalf of the British Athletic Federation (BAF) and Durham City Council.

The cost of hosting the championships, aside of IAAF contributions, will be £250,000. The British bid needed to convince the IAAF of its financial strength and Caine said that sponsorship had been secured pending the decision. Any shortfall will be met by the BAF, Tony Ward, its spokesman, said,

Durham's impressive first appearance on the World Cross Challenge circuit in



McColgan: chief hope

December no doubt influ-enced the IAAF However; the venue for that meeting, at Beamish, will not be used for the world championships: They will be held at Maiden Castle playing fields, part of Durham University's sports facilities facilites.

A promotional video of the North-East was, according to Caine, probably another im-portant card and the essential provision of host television had, he said, been guaranteed by the BBC:

The head of Nova is Brendan Foster, whose triumphs as an athlete (former 3,000 metres world recordholder) are now matched by his success in business. Foster went to Mexico City, accompanied by Andy Norman, the BAF promotions officer, to

present the bid.
"We have tried three times to get world championships and three times we have been successful," Came said, referring the 1983 world crossatry and 1985 women's

Now that Britain has a gold medal from the commi room, it is to be lioped that the BAF will provide its athletes with a better chance of matching it on the field of play, despite the efforts of Liz

McColgan, who rounded off her worderful year with victory at Durham last month. Bud Baldaro, Britain's chief cross-country coach, has been fighting for financial backing to develop a squad capable of taking on the Africans, but without success.

Deon van Zyl, the president of Athletics South Africa, condemned yesterday the comments of Istvan Gyulai, the new IAAF secretary, who, on Trussday, said that the country would not be readmitted until all three athletics bodies there had united instead of

just two of them as at present. Only the IAAF council is qualified to make that decien and Mr Gyulai has created an impression which is premature, van Zyl sald. Only after the fact-finding commission has visited South Africa and reported back to the LAAF council will the question of our membership

Van Zyl said that the resist ing body, the SA Amateur Athletic Board, might still join but, if it did not, we believe we have unified to the point that should satisfy the